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GRAYLING GUITARISTS



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The second and third graders at the AuSable Primary School and Grayling Elementary School are learning how to play guitars in Mr. James Brown's music class this year. The Taylor guitars, which were purchased through Marshall Music in Traverse City, were funded by the Parent Teacher Organization and from contributions from the building budgets for the two schools. Above, Kayla Bokhart, 8, and Chelsey Randall, 9, who are students in Kerri Piasecki's third grade class, strum on their guitars during class on Monday.

School board studies tax restoration

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford AuSable School Board officials are considering putting a Headlee rollback amendment proposal on the May school election ballot.

Under Proposal A, the school funding measure passed by voters in 1994, school districts are required to levy 18 mills on non-homestead properties. The Headlee Amendment, however, requires the district to adjust the amount of taxes it levies annually to accommodate for the rate of inflation. Districts can place a Headlee rollback, which is also referred to as a Headlee override, on the election ballot to recover the funding.

The school district stands to lose \$50,000 to the Headlee Amendment for the 2006-2007 school year, Superintendent Joe Powers said. The district will not receive \$35,000 in tax revenues for the current school year due to the Headlee Amendment.

The proposal only applies to non-homestead properties, which includes businesses and second homes not used as a family's primary residence.

The lost funding is not included in the school funding the district receives from the state, Powers said.

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UNITED WAY TO HOLD CARE NIGHT EVENT

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling area residents will have a chance to show how they feel about each other and their community at the Crawford County United Way's annual Care Night auction.

Care Night will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Grayling Eagles Club.

Care Night will begin with a hospitality hour between 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Care Night revelers will be able to view items which will be sold during the live and silent auctions while listening to guitarist and vocalist Daniel Cook of Higgins Lake. A cash bar, featuring a specialty martini menu, will be available. Area will also be available to accommodate smokers.

The fare for Care Night will include handmade hors d'oeuvres made by Dora Tacconelli, the owner of the Back Door Saloon in Houghton Lake. There will also be fondue, a chocolate fountain and dessert service.

"We're trying to turn things up a notch," said Linda Williams, the director for Crawford County United Way.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

Crawford County United Way Board members are hoping to turn up the heat when it comes to bidding for a handmade quilt featuring fleece from Alpacas raised in Crawford County. Above, Linda Gohnick, president of the Crawford County United Way Board, and Linda Williams, the director for the Crawford County United Way, display the cover that will go on the quilt.

Officials seek resolution to housing rehab job

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Officials for the Crawford County Housing Commission last week were directed to contact state licensing officials in hopes of expediting a complaint a woman has filed against a local builder.

Grayling Township resident Shannon Secord has a complaint filed with the State Bureau of Commercial Services over issues involving a rehabilitation project done on her home that has been lingering nearly a year.

Secord, who has also appealed her case to the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, obtained a loan from the Crawford County Housing Commission allowing her to buy and remodel her home located at 118 Woodleaf Drive. The project, which was funded through federal and state low interest loans, involved replacing kitchen cabinets, replacing windows, flooring, siding and remodeling the bathroom.

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Snowmobile association to receive additional funding

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

In an effort to help offset the expenses of rising fuel prices, the state has upped its funding for the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA). The organization will now be compensated \$4.34 per mile in grooming expenses, which is a 44 cent increase from last season.

"It helps tremendously," said AVSA President Richard Filley. Forty-four cents may not seem like much, but in the expensive world of trail grooming, every little bit helps.

"Grooming trails is a losing proposition," said Filley. Groomers run on diesel fuel. The AVSA recently spent \$2.81 per gallon to fill the mammoth 500 gallon tank of a grooming vehicle.

Sound expensive? It is -- especially when you consider the fact that groomers are hardly fuel efficient. According to Filley, they get just over one mile per gallon.

"We lose money every mile that we groom," said Filley. Last year, the AVSA received \$3.90 per mile for expenses, \$1.23 of which was allocated specifically for fuel expenses. Yet they were paying about \$1.80 per mile in fuel, which equals a 57 cent deficit.

"Everything works off numbers," said Filley. In fact, state funding left the AVSA short by about \$6,000 per year. Despite the increase in funding by nearly half a dollar per mile, Filley actually expects this deficit to increase this season if the same amount of mileage from last year is groomed.



In an effort to help offset the expenses of rising fuel prices, the state recently upped its funding for the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association, a volunteer group that grooms snowmobile trails in Crawford County.

"If we groom the same mileage, we'll probably spend \$5,500 more (than last season)," said Filley. Why can't the AVSA just put the full \$4.34 into fuel? The rest of the money is drained by maintenance and labor expenses. Not that anyone in the AVSA is getting paid.

"All our drivers are volunteers," said Filley. At the beginning of the season, the organization funneled a large amount of money into making sure all of their equipment was up-to-date and top of the line.

"We've focused our efforts on equipment," said Filley. So if the organization will potentially be short by over \$1,000 in state funding this season, does that mean its time to pack up and head somewhere else to sled this

year? No chance.

"We're a solvent organization," said Filley, who does not expect a major budget crisis this year, despite rising expenses. The AVSA has implemented a highly effective independent fund raising program.

"All of our additional funding comes from the trail map we do every year," said Filley. Thanks to a well organized advertising program connected to the yearly trail map, the AVSA has managed to break even every year so far.

Why do the extra work instead of just reducing the amount of mileage that is groomed? According to Filley, the reason is simple. It's because AVSA volunteers simply love to snowmobile and want to see the popular

winter sport prosper in Crawford County.

Snowmobile enthusiasts can help by being respectful of the trail system. Trails signs are expensive and are installed in the pre-season. When they are knocked over or stolen, they must be re-purchased and then painstakingly drilled into the ground, below layers of snow and ice. According to Filley, many signs are stolen each season.

"It's a huge safety issue," said Filley. Not every county has access to massive stretches of groomed trails. With the cooperation of the community, the AVSA is here in Crawford County to ensure that safe, fun and free snowmobiling is there for everyone to enjoy.

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City officials to work on infrastructure plan

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City officials will work on a capital improvement plan for the community at a special meeting next week.

The Grayling City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 16 at city hall, where officials will discuss future infrastructure needs for the city.

Chad Beckett, the city's department of public works director, and City Manager Allen Lowe will present a list of projects for the plan. The council will schedule the projects which will take place for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, which begins in June, as well as projects expected to be done in the next five years.

"We've done a lot of catch up work over the years and now we need to do some planning and decide where we are going to spend our resources," Lowe said.

A project that the city will likely fund with the Grayling Downtown Development Authority is anticipated to be on the capital improvement plan. The Department of Environmental Quality is also urging the city to drill a third well for the water system.

Planning for the replacement of sewer lines along the I-75 Business Loop, which will be reconstructed in 2009 from M-72 East to M-72 West by the

Michigan Department of Transportation, is another priority for city officials and engineers.

"Those are some of the oldest water and sewer lines in the city, so while the Business Loop is torn up, we are going to try to do the work and make sure it's done right so we'll be finished in that area for the next 40 to 50 years," Lowe said.

The city council held an initial meeting on the capital improvement plan on Dec. 5.

"We need to sit down, figure out what projects we are going to do and then determine how we're going to come up with the money to pay for them," said Grayling Mayor Larry Akers.

United Way to hold Care Night event

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"Care Night is going to be a lovely winter night out just before Valentines Day for couples or for a group of people."

Stephanie Reimer-Matuzak, the CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling, and her husband Michael Matuzak, a visiting judge, have volunteered to be the auctioneers for Care Night's live auction. Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, a United Way board member, will be trading his uniform for a tuxedo during Care Night as he sells tickets for 50-50 raffles.

Plenty of items donated by Grayling area businesses will be up for grabs during the Care Night bucket raffles.

Items available during the live and silent auction include:

- A weekend for six at the Insel House, a bed and breakfast and retreat center on Bois Blanc Island.

- Two Dr. Zhivago weekend packages at the Garland Resort in Lewiston.

- A weekend for a family of four at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City, donated to Care Night by Sheer Motors.

- A handmade quilt designed by Crawford County United Way Board members, which is filled with fleece from Alpacas raised on Williams' farm in Crawford County.

- A guitar autographed by country stars Brooks and Dunn.

- A gourmet dinner prepared by Grayling attorney Monte Burmeister.

- A guided bike tour with Bob

Smith from The Bicycle Shop.

- Several autographed items from the Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions.

The Crawford County United Way has set a goal to raise \$70,000 for its annual campaign.

"Care night is our premiere fund-raiser for the winter, which will help us raise the funds that we need to support the 19 agencies that benefit from the Crawford County United Way," Williams said.

There are 200 tickets available for Care Night, which are selling for \$15.00. Tickets are available through United Way Board members, at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Crawford County Avalanche.

School board studies tax restoration

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The school board must decide if it will put the issue on the ballot by its February meeting.

"It's important for people to

know that this is not a tax increase but money we are already allowed to collect on non-homestead properties as a district," Powers said.

This is the second year that school elections will be held in May under state election law reforms. Previous school elections were held in June.

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Officials seek resolution to housing rehab job

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SMK Beautification, a construction company owned by Scott Schwartz, was hired to complete the work.

Secord first raised concerns over the workmanship of the construction in February, 2004 during the remodeling as well as after the job was completed. She particularly had issues with the siding that was placed on the home.

Cy Wakeley, the housing commission director who also acts as an inspector for the housing commission work, said he tried to resolve the issues after meeting with Secord and Schwartz.

Housing commission board members said they felt they had a resolution after Terry Wright, the Grayling Township Supervisor, and Bob Dixon, the township building inspector, inspected the home and made a list of repairs that needed to be done.

Despite attempts to redo the siding, Secord said she is still not satisfied with the appearance of the home.

"If they bent the siding or warped it when taking it down - that's how it went back up," Secord said.

Housing commission members said they felt they were obligated to pay Schwartz for his work under the terms of the contract. They also said they had made several attempts to please Secord, including leaving building materials at the job site so her husband, Allen, could complete the work with help from Wakeley.

"That's what Shannon wanted to do and we try to accommodate what our clients want to do," said Sandy Coe, chairwoman of the Crawford County Housing Commission Board.

Secord has requested that the housing commission hire another contractor to come back and satisfactorily complete the work.

Housing commission officials said they believe their hands are tied since the complaint against Schwartz is pending with the state. Schwartz's firm was removed from a list of potential contractors who take housing commission work as a result of the dispute.

"We can't derail that process," Wakeley said. "I don't think all the muscle that can be flexed has been done."

Crawford County Commissioners, who appoint citizens to serve on the housing commission, said they were not pleased that a local resolution can not be found. Commissioners also believe that procedures of housing contracts and grant guidelines should have been followed.

"Anyone that went through that home - inside or out - and looked at it could tell that it was done with proper workmanship," said Dave Stephenson, chairman



Grayling Township resident Shannon Secord has a complaint filed with the State Bureau of Commercial Services over issues involving a rehabilitation project done on her home that has been lingering nearly a year. Secord, pictured by her home above, particularly had issues with the siding that was placed on the home.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

for the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioners also said they believe it is a conflict for Wakeley to serve as inspector for the housing commission work since he also dispenses funds to contractors.

"It comes right back to you because you're the one who made the inspection and agreed to it because you signed the check," Stephenson said. "Knowing the condition of the house, why are you waiting for the state to tell you what we already know?"

Schwartz, who was not at the recent county commissioner's meeting, said he has made several attempts to please Secord.

"We went back a couple of times and it just wasn't enough for her," he said.

Wakeley was to contact state licensing officials to check on the status of Secord's complaint. State Officials could revoke Schwartz builder's license or levy fines.

Barrington Carr, state administrative manager for the Bureau of Commercial Services, said the investigation into the dispute is being completed.

"We will be asking the builder to go back and make repairs," Carr said.

Wakeley said the housing commission may seek bids for a new

contractor to complete the siding on Secord's home, depending on the final disposition of the complaint with the state.

"That would be the best \$5,000 that the housing commission could ever spend and you can try to recoup for the licensing or whatever it takes," said Terry Beardslee, a county commissioner who is a heating and plumbing contractor.

Laura Purtil, a housing commission member and a former Michigan State Housing

Development Agency employee, said she does not believe there has been a proper paper trail to track the issue with Secord and the contractor.

"I don't want us to have our programs put in jeopardy because of this," Purtil said.

Wakeley has been the director of the housing commission for seven years. He replaced former director Sandy Brody, who was fired following a job review and an audit of housing commission financial records in July, 1999.

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County planning and zoning seats to be filled

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Planning Commission should be up to full force by the end of the month.

Crawford County Commissioners last week interviewed Alan Somero, a Grayling City Police officer who lives in Maple Forest Township, for the remaining vacancy on the county planning board.

The board reappointed John "Jack" Mahank, the planning commission chairman and a retired engineer, at its December meeting.

Dennis Fyock, the owner of the River Park Campground and Trout Pond in Grayling Township, was appointed to fill another seat on the board.

Three terms on the planning commission expired on Dec. 31.

Ed Holtcamp, the Beaver Creek Township fire chief, who has served on the planning commission for several years, has expressed interest in stepping down from his seat.

That seat will likely go to an appointment recommenced by the Crawford AuSable School Board.

County officials recently learned of a state law that requires a school board member to be on the county planning board.

Lewis Madill, a school board member who lives in Maple Forest Township, has volunteered to serve on the board.

County Controller Paul Compo said a representative from the Gerrish-Higgins School Board, which covers a portion of South Branch Township, could also be considered as a candidate for the planning board.

The county is seeking residents from Maple Forest and South Branch Townships to serve on the planning commission since they are the two remaining areas in the county still under county planning and zoning. The townships are expected to take over their own planning and zoning within the next year.

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According to the Glaucoma Foundation, there are a few conditions that tend to put people at a greater risk of getting glaucoma than others. These conditions can include: those who are age 45 or older; those who have a family history of Glaucoma; those with abnormally high intraocular pressure (IOP); people of African descent; diabetics; steroid users; and those who've had a previous eye injury.

Since glaucoma can affect all age groups, it's imperative to have routine eye checkups by an ophthalmologist or optometrist on a regular basis, says the American Academy of Ophthalmology. This equates to every two to four years if you are age 30 or over; every one to two years if a family member has glaucoma; you are age 50 or over; or if you are of African ancestry and are age 40 or over. Early detection and treatment of glaucoma are the only ways to prevent vision impairment and blindness.

TYPES OF GLAUCOMA

Following are the most common forms of glaucoma, courtesy of The Glaucoma Foundation:

Open-Angle Glaucoma: This is the most common type; normally associated with increased IOP, which can lead to visual-field loss and optic-nerve damage. There is no visible abnormality with the trabecular meshwork. However, the aqueous fluid is unable to flow correctly.

Normal Tension Glaucoma (low tension glaucoma): Characterized by progressive optic-nerve damage and visual-field loss with a normal IOP. It may be related to poor blood flow to the optic nerve or other factors, which lead to death of the cells.

Angle-Closure Glaucoma: A form where the anterior chamber tends to be smaller than average. Occurs when the ability of aqueous fluid to pass between the iris and lens on its way to the anterior chamber decreases, causing fluid pressure to build up behind the iris further narrowing the angle between the eye's lens and the iris. When the angle is completely blocked, an acute glaucoma attack results. This condition tends to be inherited, and often, several members of the family will be afflicted. It's most common in people of Asian descent and in those who are far-sighted. - (MS)

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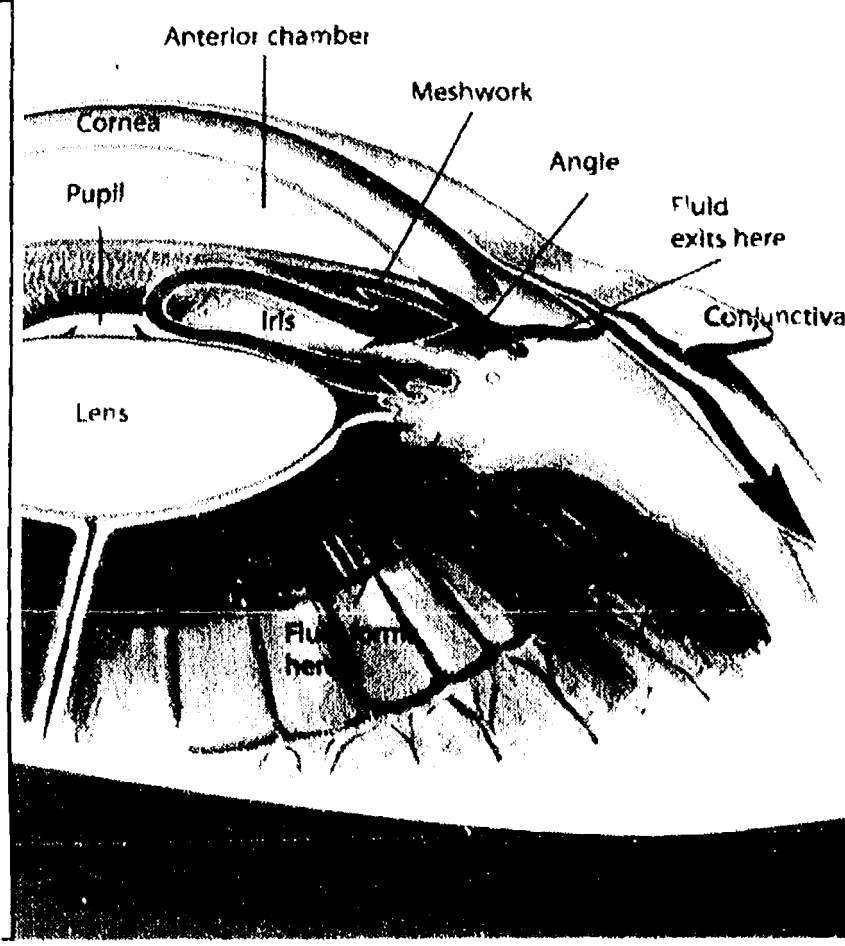
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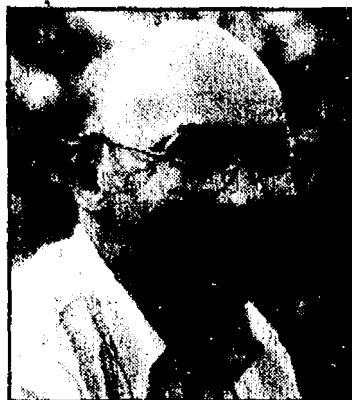
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Politics, elections dominate 2006 forecast

PREDICTING EVENTS during the new year has become a self-imposed Almanack tradition, so this January we will not disappoint either of our regular readers.

First we must review last year's edition. For 2005, Almanack predictions were closer to the mark than usual.

I wrote that President George Bush would push hard for his social security reform but it wouldn't pass; he did and it didn't. I saw that nominees for the Supreme Court would have "relatively easy sledding"; that was right for Chief Justice John Roberts, wrong for nominee Harriet Miers, and the jury is still out for nominee Sam Alito.

Insurgent violence in Iraq did not diminish as the year wore on, as I foresaw. I was wrong about Don Rumsfeld leaving the cabinet, and Peter McPherson nailing a top government post. But as predicted, the Democratic party did much soul searching,

dithered over abortion, and moved toward the political middle.

Gov. Granholm and the legislature, as foreseen, continued to patch up a budget without significant new taxes, and partisan potshots by both intensified.

Picking the Indianapolis Colts to win the Super Bowl a year ago was disproved shortly after the column reached print, and I acknowledged it and apologized the next week. Neither the Yankees nor the Mets played in the World Series, nor did Michigan dominate Big Ten football, but the MSU Spartans did go to basketball's Final Four. Neither the Tigers nor the Lions won as often as they lost, as I said they would.

Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston dominated the tabloids, as predicted.

All in all, the record for last year was better than most years.

AS FOR 2006, the elections

and politics are front and center. Here's how I see it, using my trusty but cloudy crystal ball:

Domestic spying will be the center of continuing public controversy, but despite some threats President Bush will not be impeached. Judge Sam Alito will be confirmed to the Supreme Court in a close senate vote after acrimonious debate. Later in the year, another Supreme Court vacancy will arise.

Public reaction to spreading scandals in the conduct of Washington officialdom will help Democrats to pick up seats in both the U.S. senate and house, but not quite enough to grab control from Republicans.

Both parties will field plenty of potential presidential candidates. Sen. Hillary Clinton will continue to moderate her image and gain popular strength. Several Republican sitting senators and governors, none of whom already owns general national recognition, will intensify their presiden-

tial efforts.

The stock market will get better, with the Dow going over 11,000 and staying there much of the year.

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IN MICHIGAN, Gov. Granholm will have a rocky time for reelection, but will defeat Republican challenger Richard DeVos in a close vote. Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick will find growing influence among Michigan Democrats, to the benefit of Ms. Granholm.

Strife between the legislature and governor will grow, as budget problems continue and the state economy takes only modest steps toward recovery. Neither side wants to rock the election year boat, so not much of significance will become new Michigan law.

The three top candidates for the Republican nomination for U.S. senate will run a close campaign, with no runaway winner, but it doesn't make much differ-

ence who wins because Sen. Debbie Stabenow will be reelected in a breeze.

All 17 Michigan congress members will win reelection, although Republican Rep. Joe Schwarz of Battle Creek will have a dangerous primary challenge from a coordinated conservative coalition, fronted by former Sen. Tim Walberg.

Republicans will retain control of both state house and senate, but Democrats will pick up a seat or two in each chamber.

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NOW FOR THE toy department:

Learning from history, in the Super Bowl, I'll stick with the New England Patriots, who made me wrong last year, so for 2006 a good bet will be for the Colts to win a year later than I thought.

The Detroit Tigers finally will win half their games, but the Lions won't. The World Series will not include either New York team. The Red Wings and the

Pistons will be in the fight for championships. The Pistons will win, the Wings won't.

Michigan football will struggle again, but if the Wolverines should have a championship season, Coach Lloyd Carr will retire. The MSU football Spartans will win six or seven games, but Coach John L. Smith may be fired anyway.

In basketball, the Wolverines will return to the NCAA tournament, and the Spartans will get to the Elite Eight.

As for predictions about individual celebrities, it's getting so the characters are so much alike I can't tell one from another, so no predictions in that department.

That's it for this year. Save this column and we'll check it out in a year.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

by Robert Jones, Superintendent COOR I.S.D.

January-School Board Recognition Month

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition Month, a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education.

The theme of this year's celebration, "School Boards Make Stands Out of Students," reflects our combined commitment to leadership and accountability, assuring that all children succeed.

In the COOR I.S.D. area, school board members must develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational issues, which impact the entire community. They bear responsibility for annual budgets, students, employees and school buildings. They carry out the truest form of representative government in our democracy - volunteer public service, and preserve the core of our democratic - land public education.

I invite you to recognize and celebrate the work of your school trustees. Invite them out for coffee. Ask how you might help support your local neighborhood schools. Write your school board members a thank you note. Let them know you appreciate what they do for kids in the COOR I.S.D. area.

The men and women serving the districts within the COOR I.S.D. are:

Crawford AuSable Schools - William Dean, Jane Lange, Lewis Madill, John Pilon, Carol Ramaswamy, Douglas Slater, and Jim Hulbert.

COOR Intermediate School District - Lois Byrd (Roscommon), Robert Carpenter (Mio), Bernadine Dosch (Grayling), William Langendorfer (West Branch), Ann Kane (Houghton Lake), Nancy Persing (Grayling), and Rodney Robertson (Rose City).

WASHINGTON NOTES

by Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Honoring Dr. and Mrs. King with the Congressional Gold Medal

At the Great March to Freedom in Detroit on June 23, 1963, over 125,000 men, women and children walked down Woodward Avenue to Jefferson Avenue carrying signs and singing "We Shall Overcome." The march ended at Cobo Hall where the crowd heard a young charismatic minister giving an inspiring speech.

The minister spoke of the "commitment to nonviolence in this struggle for freedom all over the United States." He told his audience that "the shape of the world today does not afford us the luxury of an anemic democracy." He exhorted the crowd, "Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy... Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of racial justice."

In closing, the minister shared his dream, "deeply rooted in the American dream," where "the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to live together as brothers," where white children and

black children "will be able to join hands as brothers and sisters," and where "my four little children... will be judged on the basis of the content of their character, not the color of their skin."

Two months later, the world heard what Detroit had heard, when the same minister, Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., gave his "I Have a Dream" speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. before a crowd of approximately 350,000.

Dr. King's historic speech was rooted in the long struggle for nonviolent social change and full civil rights for people of color. Eight years earlier in 1955, Dr. King and his wife Coretta Scott King led the Montgomery bus boycott to protest the arrests of Mrs. Rosa Parks and the segregation of the bus system in Montgomery, Ala.

Through scores of speeches, nonviolent protest and plain old hard work, Dr. King was instrumental in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. His

leadership in the American civil rights movement led to his brutal assassination in 1968.

Following the assassination of her husband, Coretta Scott King devoted her time and energy to developing the Atlanta-based Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change as an enduring memorial to her husband's life and his dream of equality for all.

Under Mrs. King's guidance and direction, the Center has flourished. Its local, national and international programs have trained thousands of people in Dr. King's philosophy and methods. Mrs. King also led the massive campaign to establish her husband's birthday as a national holiday, which we celebrate this month.

To honor the first family of the civil rights movement for their many contributions to our country, I sponsored bipartisan legislation to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., (posthumously) and his widow, Coretta Scott King.

Congress recognizes the outstanding achievements of individuals through the commissioning of Congressional Gold Medals. George Washington was the first recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal. Since then, approximately 300 individuals have received this award including Robert F. Kennedy, Mother Teresa, Gerald and Betty Ford, Rosa Parks, and Jackie Robinson.

Congress passed the legislation to honor Dr. and Mrs. King and the President signed it into law in October 2004. The U.S. Treasury Department has been working on a design for their Congressional Gold Medal. Congress will hold a ceremony later this year to present the medal to Coretta Scott King.

Dr. and Mrs. King's faith in the dream of freedom, justice and equality for all people guided and inspired their actions. Their legacy inspires all of us to continue striving to achieve their dream.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

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Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be

published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

WANTED OLD PHOTOS!

We accept old photos for the "Historically Speaking" portion in our paper. Please submit your photos with information at *The Avalanche* office, 102 Michigan Ave., Grayling.

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Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

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News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

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BRIEFS

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will gather for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Court House. Regular meetings are the second Thursday of the month. The public is welcome. For more information call 348-7037.

Ski race team to begin

Hanson Hills Race Team is starting Sunday, Jan. 15 and will run for four weeks. This is a free program, open to all skiers from seven to 14 years. Skiers must have a signed parental waiver, ski equipment and lift ticket/season pass. Clinic starts at noon and races are held at 1 p.m. at Hanson Hills. Age group and gender awards weekly, with series awards at final race.

Senior Center to hold Caregiver Class

The Commission on Aging in conjunction with Liz Oleskie, volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association and Linda Cronk from MSU Extension, will be hosting a caregiver class at the Grayling Senior Center. This class provides support and education to persons who are the primary caregivers giving care to loved ones in their home. The class will meet every other Wednesday from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. starting with Jan. 18 at the Senior Center at 308 Lawndale St.

Train to return to Grayling in 2006

The train will be making a return trip to Grayling on Oct. 7-8, 2006, so it is time to start planning. This year the vintage cars will be pulled by a diesel engine. Planning meetings are scheduled for the 4th Monday of every month starting with Jan. 23, and ending in October, at 9 a.m., at the Grayling City Hall. The committee needs all the volunteers they can possibly get.

Grayling Eagles # 3465 to hold meeting

The Grayling Eagles #3465 will meet to discuss the possible kitchen addition at their Jan. 16 meeting. Members are encouraged to attend.

Huron Pines meeting to address lake and stream improvements

What does the future hold for lake and stream improvement projects in Northeast Michigan? The question is an important one, as recent cuts and shifts in priorities at the state and federal level may be leaving the region out in the cold.

Community leaders, conservationists, and other interested citizens are welcome to learn more by attending the Feb. 4 Huron Pines Annual Meeting. The meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Hillman will be an opportunity to listen to different perspectives on the future, share information with other leaders from across the region, and develop new ideas for addressing new challenges.

The Annual Meeting keynote speaker will be Rich Bowman, Executive Director of the Michigan Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Mr. Bowman will discuss some of the policy issues his organization is working on in Lansing and the impact this may have for Northern Michigan. Trout Unlimited is an active nonprofit organization which works to protect coldwater streams.

In addition to the keynote

address, an update on program areas Huron Pines will be working on in 2006, and legislative reports, the meeting will feature a panel discussion with natural resource leaders from several agencies. The venue will provide an opportunity for them to share their perspectives on the future of conservation and a chance for the public to ask questions.

Seating is limited for this event and reservations are required. To register, please email info@huronpines.org or call 989/348-9319 ext. 21. There is a \$5 charge and lunch is included; the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude by 3 p.m. Reservations are needed by Jan. 26.

Huron Pines is a nonprofit, non-governmental organization which works to coordinate resource conservation and community improvement projects throughout Northeast Michigan by building partnerships between the public and private sector.

For more information about the organization and its programs, visit www.huronpines.org.

Crawford County 4-H Academy accepting applications

The Crawford County 4-H Academy is accepting applications from selected high school students, age 14-19, who are interested in an opportunity to learn about local and state government with a "hands-on" approach. Students will engage in identifying public issues and learn how citizens work within government to accomplish public objectives and meet community needs.

The Crawford County 4-H Citizenship Academy is an edu-

cation program sponsored by the Michigan State University Extension.

Most meetings will be held on Thursday evenings, beginning Jan. 26, in addition to a day meeting that will require a full day off from school. For more information, or to receive an application, please contact the MSU Extension office in the basement of the courthouse, or call 344-3266.

The application deadline is Jan. 13.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club
The 50/50 raffle winners for Jan. 8 of \$25 each: Tammy Jacobson, Cheryl Melroy, Marlene Jackson, and Max Tobin.

Project Graduation

The "Lucky 300 Club" raffle winner of \$100 for Dec. 23 was Bill Millikin, Dec. 30 was Kathy Olson and Jan. 6. was Nancy Hatfield.

Red Hat and Mad Hatter Tea to be held at the library

Michael Lee, Artistic Director of Opus Mime will be performing at the Devereaux Memorial Library, 201 Plum Street, Grayling on Thursday, Jan. 19, as the featured entertainment during the Red Hat and Mad Hatter Tea Tasting Social.

Mime, a very old art form is very different than clown performers. Clowns try to make us laugh, but the mime actor explores the full range of emotions. A good mime can evoke as many different kinds and shadings of emotions as a good violinist can, without words.

Lee is a master level student of the great Marcel Marceau. "Michael Lee shows a distinct drama and strength... you are of the caliber of my company," said Marcel Marceau. Lee also studied with master mime,

Stephan Niedzialkowski and at the International School for Theatre Anthropology in Denmark.

Devereaux Memorial Library invites all area Red Hatters and Mad Hatters and the general public-library lovers to this celebration of National Hot Tea Month and the birthday of Lewis Carroll, the author of Alice in Wonderland. In addition to Lee, Duo Sonare a woodwind duo will provide sweet sounding strains during the tea tasting.

The social will begin at 7 p.m. with Lee performing at 7:45 p.m. Exotic teas from around the world will be sampled and treats to cleanse the palate. No admission charge, just bring your favorite tea cup.

For more information call 989-348-6259.

North Central Michigan Community Foundation serves as leader in philanthropy

The amount of \$4.2 billion in gifts to community foundations is a large portion of charitable giving, and with the help of many donors, the North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) is proud to contribute to this phenomenal statistic.

Through numerous permanently endowed charitable funds, NCMCF is able to ensure that donors' gifts will make a lasting impact, and can leave a legacy that lives on, providing essential funding for non-profit organizations, in the three counties NCMCF serves: Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda.

Community foundations make up one of the fastest growing sectors of charitable giving in the United States today. A survey of 636 U. S. community foundations reported a total of \$4.2 billion in donor gifts, and \$3 billion in grants made to non-profit organizations. In our own area, NCMCF received nearly \$98,000 in gifts during 2005 from donors who care about the future of the North Central three - county region.

Since 1998, NCMCF has awarded nearly \$612,000 throughout the years in grants to community projects and scholarships to local students. Like other community foundations, through philanthropy, that is visionary and diverse, NCMCF has become a catalyst for improvement within our rural region. NCMCF is an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan, and exists to help caring donors realize their charitable and philanthropic goals by providing safe ways to give to area non-profits

that are making a difference in the communities it serves.

NCMCF holds 68 charitable funds that directly benefits its communities. Cash gifts to the North Central Michigan Community Foundation are easiest to give, simply make out a check to NCMCF for the desired amount, and indicate on the memo line the fund to which you would like to contribute and send it to: P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707.

Donors may also choose to leave a legacy by setting up a fund, which allows them to determine exactly what is done with the gift they donate to the foundation. This can be done with cash, marketable securities, real estate, bequests, gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, and more. To learn more about setting up an endowed charitable fund with NCMCF, or to see a list of funds, please call 1-877-354-6881 or visit www.ncmcf.org.

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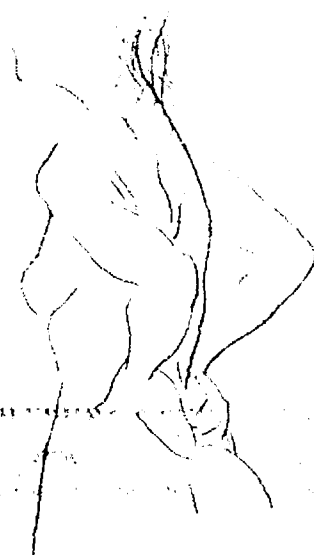
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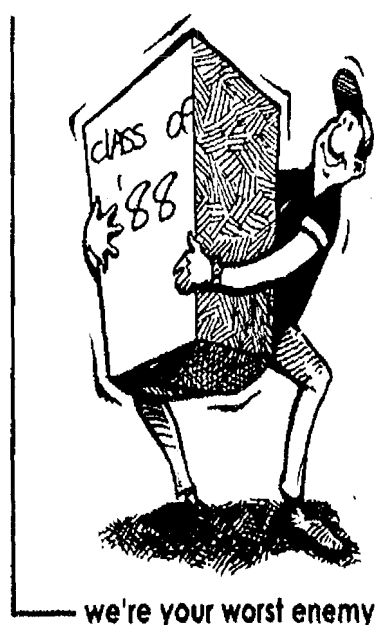
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Voelker, Konfara wed



Lindsey Voelker and Jeffrey Konfara

Lindsey Sue Voelker and Jeffrey Michael Konfara were united in marriage on November 5, 2005 at Forest Grove Reformed Church in Hudsonville. The ceremony was officiated by Reverend William Severance, grandfather of the bride.

Lindsey is the daughter of Reverend Ron and Suzanne Voelker of Grayling.

Jeffrey is the son of Rick and Paula Konfara of Farmington Hills.

Jacinta Ulrich was the Matron of honor, Meredith Voelker was

maid of honor and serving as bridesmaids were: Christina Voelker, Kathryn Voelker, Adrianna Voelker and Jessica Barber.

Tony Pikur was the best man, and serving as groomsmen were: Bryan Rimmke, Brendon Ulrich, Jared Silver, Andrew Chapin, and Matt Kolb. Jack Fitzpatrick served as the ring bearer.

The couple resides in Grand Rapids, where Lindsey works for Baker Publishing Group and Jeff is employed with the Empire Company.

Baker, Sajdak wed



The family of Clem Sajdak announce his marriage to Esther Baker of Wasilla, Alaska, who were united in marriage on October 1, 2005.

BIRTHS

Tatum and Dan Hovland, of Grayling, announce the arrival of their son, Samuel Fredrick David, born at Mercy Hospital on December 26, 2005, at 1:29 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 2 ozs. and measuring 19 inches in length.

Heather Lyn Pratt of Grayling, announces the birth of her daughter, Keilyn Cienna, born at Mercy Hospital on December 30, 2005, at 2:54 a.m., weighing 5 lbs. 15 ozs., and measuring 19 inches in length.

Toni and J.C. Millikin, of Grayling, announce the arrival of their daughter, Jocelyn Cherie, born at Mercy Hospital on January 1, 2006, at 9:19 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. 15.5 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Trina and Andre Janisse, of Grayling, announce the arrival of their son, Andre Romuald, born at Mercy Hospital on December 29, 2005, at 2:36 p.m., weighing 6 lbs. 14 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Shannon and Robert Wolcott, of Frederic, announce the arrival of their son, Connor James, born at Mercy Hospital on December 29, 2005, at 5:25 p.m., weighing 8 lbs. 13 ozs., and measuring 21 inches in length.

Kimberly and Christopher Millikin, of Grayling, announce the arrival of their son, Kristopher I, born at Mercy

Hospital on December 29, 2005, at 3:39 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. and measuring 20 inches in length.

Crystal and Corey Rice, of Grayling, announce the arrival of their daughter, Sabrina Elizabeth, born at Mercy Hospital on December 27, 2005, at 3:27 p.m., weighing 6 lbs. 3 ozs., and measuring 18 inches in length.

Joyce Parks and Joseph Miller, of Grayling, announce the arrival of a daughter, Veronika Lynn, born at Mercy Hospital on December 26, 2005, at 2:17 a.m., weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz., and measuring 21 inches in length.

Amber Kent and Darryl Stade, of Grayling, announce the arrival of a daughter, Destiny Nikole, born at Mercy Hospital on December 28, 2005, at 2:49 p.m., weighing 6 lbs. 15 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

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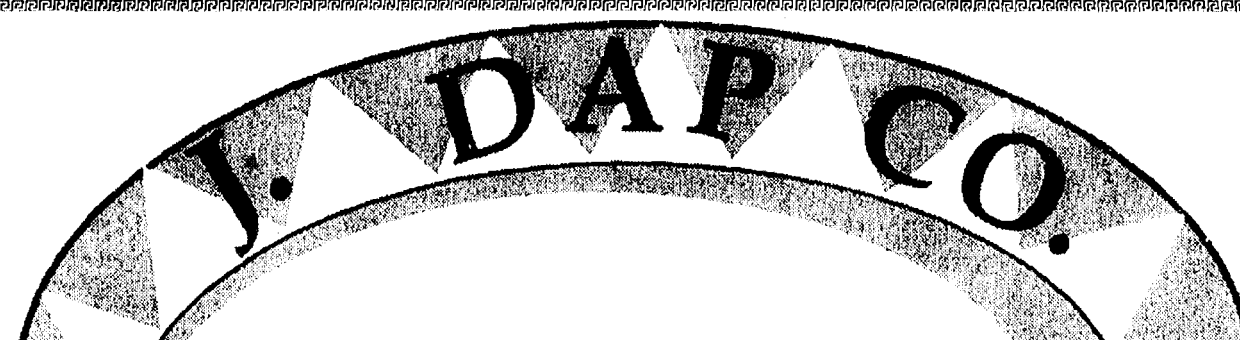
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Otsego Memorial Hospital adopts a smoke-free policy

Otsego Memorial Hospital, in Gaylord, has expanded its smoke free environment policy to include not only the health-care facility but also all property owned by the Hospital, including parking lots, vehicles and off site buildings.

"The Smoke-Free Environment Policy has the support of the Board of Directors, administration and staff of Otsego Memorial Hospital," said Thomas R. Lemon, Chief Executive Officer of OMH.

The OMH Smoke-Free Environment policy bans smoking entirely from Hospital grounds. The policy prohibits staff from smoking during paid

work hours, including rest and meal periods. Visitors will be required to extinguish all smoking materials while on Hospital property. Any patient or visitor who insists on smoking will be required to leave hospital property to do so.

Because the Hospital building has long been smoke-free, it is OMH's practice to offer patients who smoke nicotine replacement therapy during their hospital stay to ease withdrawal symptoms. All patients who smoke are advised to quit smoking and smoking cessation advice and support is available to any patients wishing to make a quit attempt.

"Our policy is designed to

provide the best environment for patient care possible," said Diane Fisher, Vice President of Patient Care Services. "It is not only the direct health hazard of smoking which is being addressed, but the exposure to second hand smoke and the physical impact smoking has on patients."

"The evidence that second hand smoke poses serious health risks to non-smokers is irrefutable," said Leah Cygan, Director of the Cardiopulmonary Department and Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation. "Even 30 minutes of short term exposure doubles the risk of a heart attack for 48 hours and the chemicals

emitted from cigarettes that cling to clothing and skin of smokers can be absorbed through the skin of non-smokers."

"The new OMH policy was developed by a task force representing a cross-section of staff and departments," said Fisher. "Although employees are not required to quit smoking, we have provided six months of incentives to encourage our staff members to become tobacco-free." Fisher added that the support and incentives to encourage staff to quit will continue even after Nov. 1.

"My staff and I see the impact of smoking every single day, over and over again," Cygan

said. "Smoking and tobacco use cause and complicate disease. This policy helps ensure that our patient care environment and staff work environment are as healthy as possible."

The OMH Smoke Free Environment Policy is available for review in brochure format from the registration areas and nursing units in the Hospital, as well as in patient waiting areas.

The Hospital provides smoking cessation support and education in a series of ongoing classes and programs that can be tailored to the work environment. Please contact the OMH Health Education Coordinator for more information at (989) 731-2193.

Gaylord's Elk View receives MOGA 'Award of Excellence'

The Michigan Oil and Gas Association (MOGA), in partnership with the Gaylord Area Convention Bureau, presented Gaylord city officials with an "Award of Excellence" for its Elk View, a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund project in October.

"The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant helped Gaylord acquire the Elk View land, which has been a wonderful site for visitors and local families," said Gaylord Mayor Gladys Solokis. "We are honored to receive this award, and are working to obtain more Trust Fund Grants to make the area even better."

Gaylord received \$112,000 in Michigan Natural Resources

Trust Fund grants to acquire the Elk Viewing Area. The area, one of the few places to watch the Midwest's only free ranging elk herd, offers a unique wilderness experience, and is a great tourist and community attraction. City officials are now working to develop Elk View park where visitors can picnic, which will then be connected by paved trails to nearby Aspen Park.

"The Michigan Oil and Gas Association is proud to contribute to the preservation and development of Michigan's natural resources," said Frank L. Mortl, president of the Michigan Oil and Gas Association. "Elk View is a great example of how the oil and gas industry can help

provide the resources to make Michigan a better place to live and visit. The city's efforts to acquire the land, and commitment to continue improving the area makes this site an outstanding Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund project."

The City of Gaylord has received more than \$640,000 in Trust Fund Grants for various projects, including the Aspen Park Expansion and the Free/Doumas Renovation.

"Recreation sites, such as Elk View, make cities more attractive to tourists and businesses, and help preserve Michigan's natural resources," said Paul Beachnau, executive director of the Gaylord Area Convention and Tourism Bureau.

In 1976, Michigan established the first land trust fund in the nation to be funded by revenues generated from the oil and gas exploration and production industry, specifically by royalties from oil and gas exploration and production from State-owned mineral properties. The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund is a significant way for every Michigan resident and visitor to benefit from the state's oil and gas exploration and production industry. Since its inception, more than \$635 million of Trust Fund money has been used to finance more than 1,400 recreational projects throughout the state.

Michigan's rich partnership with the oil and gas exploration

and production industry began more than 75 years ago, when the Saginaw Prospecting Company struck oil and discovered the state's first commercial field. Each summer for the last four years, MOGA officials have presented Awards of Excellence to Trust Fund sites throughout Michigan, showcasing the industry's commitment to preserving Michigan's natural resources.

"People don't realize that oil and gas revenues from state-owned properties are the primary revenue source of the Trust Fund," Mortl said. "No matter where you live or may visit, you're just steps away from a project that has benefitted from Michigan's oil and gas exploration and production industry."

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Ten Myths about Hospice and Palliative Care

Hospice isn't a place. And Hospice care is not just about those who are dying. Hospice is a comprehensive type of care that focuses on living, it's about living as fully as possible, surrounded by family and friends, up until the end of life.

Almost one million dying Americans were served by the nation's 3,300 hospices last year, reports the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. Yet there are many myths about hospice that keep people from getting this compassionate care when they need it most.

Myth- Hospice is where you go when there is nothing more a doctor can do. **Reality-** Hospice is a philosophy of care providing medical, emotional, and spiritual care focusing on comfort and quality of life.

Myth- Good care at the end of life is very expensive. **Reality-** Medicare beneficiaries pay little or nothing for hospice, and most insurance plans, HMOs and managed care plans include hospice coverage.

Myth- Hospice is only for the last few days of life. **Reality-** Hospice patients and families can receive care for six months or longer, depending upon the course of the illness.

Myth- Choosing hospice means giving up all medical treatment. **Reality-** Hospice places the patient and family at the center of the care planning process and provides high quality pain management and symptom control.

Myth- Everyone dies in a hospital. **Reality-** Hospice goes to the patient and family at home, whether that's a private home, a nursing home or assisted living facility, or a hospice residence.

Myth- Hospice is only for cancer or AIDS patients. **Reality-** Fifty percent of hospice patients are diagnosed with conditions other than cancer or AIDS.

Myth- Families are not able to care for people with terminal illness. **Reality-** Hospice involves the family and offers professional support and training in caring for their loved ones.

Myth- Hospice is just for the elderly. **Reality-** Hospice serves anyone facing a life-limiting illness, regardless of age.

Myth- There's no hospice in my area. **Reality-** Less than one percent of Medicare beneficiaries live in an area where hospice is not available.

Myth- Hospice only focuses on the dying process. **Reality-** Hospice offers grief and bereavement services to family members and the community.

If this information about hospice surprises you, take the time to find out more. The best time to learn about hospice is before someone in your family is facing a health care crisis. More information is available from Mercy Hospice at 1-800-424-1457 or call the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization at 1-800-658-8898.

Local projects included in MDOT's five-year plan

Two Graying area projects have been included in the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Five Year Transportation Program.

A roadside facilities preservation project is expected to be completed by MDOT at the Hartwick Pines Rest Area in 2008.

In 2009, MDOT will reconstruct the entire I-75 Business Loop from M-72 East to M-72 West.

MDOT officials also plan individual projects using access management upgrades and passing relief lanes to improve the heavily traveled M-72 corridor between Traverse City and Grayling.

More than 12 miles of passing relief lanes have been planned for the next three years in Northern Michigan.

In 2005, MDOT completed six miles of major rehabilitation on north bound and south bound I-75 from North Higgins Lake Road to US-127 in Crawford County.

Transportation Enhancement funding was also used to complete a new section of non-motorized pathway along M-93 in Crawford County. With the completion of this segment, bicyclists and other non-motorized travelers are now able to travel from Camp Grayling all the way to Hartwick Pines State Park on a designated pathway.

Animal Shelter announces memorial donations

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County has received memorial donations in honor of those who have passed. The following is a list of honorees and donors who have made a donation during the time period of October 2005 through December 2005:

For Dr. Ralph Hoffman from Iris Coor of Grayling; and Joan Miller of Freeland.

For Don "Duck" McCleary from Larry Brown of Ferndale; E.A. and Valerie Johnston of Grayling; Lawrence and Diane Lipinski of Grayling; Cecil Miller of Pontiac; and one anonymous donor.

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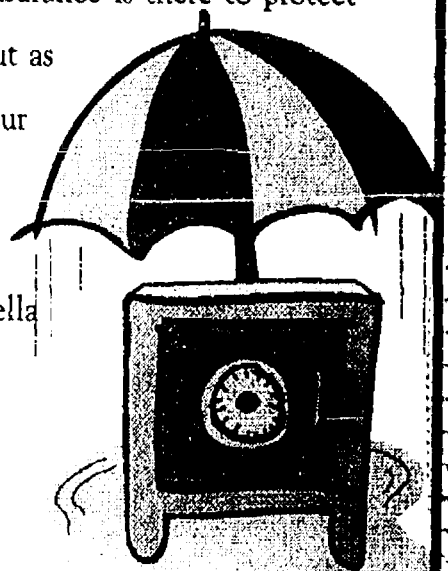
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New system improves accuracy of joint implants

What a global positioning device does for the adventurer, the Stryker Navigation System is doing for orthopedic surgeons at Otsego Memorial Hospital.

"The navigation system allows the surgeon to more accurately pinpoint the placement of the artificial hip or knee joint," said Angus Goetz, D.O., of N'Orthopedics, P.C. "It's a computer-aided method of determining precisely how to prepare the joint for the implant and to more accurately align the joint to maximize the potential for normal range of motion."

Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH) purchased the new system for use by orthopedic surgeons.

"This system is the only one of its kind in northern Michigan," said Sandy Oltersdorf, RN, Director of Surgical Services at OMH. "In

addition to being the first in the region to offer this enhanced service to patients, we also will be a teaching site for other surgeons who want to see how the device assists surgeons during joint replacement surgery."

"We are fortunate to have a computer-aided navigation system available for use with joint replacement surgery," said Frederick D. Rau, M.D., of Alpine Orthopedics. "There are very few places in the county that have this equipment and OMH is truly on the forefront of this technology."

The Stryker Navigation system uses an infrared camera and instruments along with unique tracking software to continually monitor the position and alignment of the implant components in relation to the patient's anatomy. Wireless instruments send data to the computer. The com-

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"It's like having a GPS System in the operating room," said Dr. Goetz. "With it, we can give a patient a new knee that has the optimal strength, stability, and range of motion, because the placement is based on their own unique anatomy."

"We have a very high rate of success with conventional joint replacement techniques, but this system allows us to be even more precise," Dr. Goetz said. "With this system, patient outcomes are more predictable because the accurately placed prosthetics will wear more evenly over time, and patients will

have the potential for maximum range of motion, flexion and extension during rehabilitation and for daily mobility thereafter."

The multi-platform navigation system can be used with prosthetics of any manufacturer. It may also be used by an otolaryngologist (an ear, nose and throat specialist) to create "maps" of areas in the brain or sinus cavity. The device may also have future orthopedic applications for trauma reconstruction. With the navigation system, an undamaged limb could be measured and digitized to help a surgeon reconstruct a traumatized limb.

For more information about joint replacement, contact your family physician, orthopedic surgeon or the Ambulatory Care staff at Otsego Memorial Hospital.



The Stryker Navigation System is being used by orthopedic surgeons at Otsego Memorial Hospital. This is a device which enables the surgeon to very accurately align a prosthetic joint based on the anatomy of the patient.

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KMHC expands pediatric services

Richard J. Martin, DO, a Pediatrician from Kids Creek Children's Clinic in Traverse City, will be seeing children every Tuesday at Kalkaska Memorial Health Center (KMHC).

Dr. Martin has been on the staff of Munson Medical Center since June 2002.

KMHC recently reached an agreement with Kids Creek to double the availability of pedi-

atric services in Kalkaska. The health center has been served on Thursdays by Cindy Smith, MD, a Pediatrician from Kids Creek.

"We are very excited to add these extra days to improve local access to a pediatrician," said Zaidée Anderson, RN, Community Outreach Nurse at KMHC. "Families who need appointments for their kids have had to wait for as long as three months."

"I'm very happy that we will be able to double the availability of pediatric hours," said Jennifer Barber, an RN at KMHC who assists Dr. Smith.


Pediatric hours will now be on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. with Dr. Martin, and on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. with Dr. Smith. To make an appointment with either Pediatrician, call (231) 258-7533.

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Midland Scout sends flags to Grayling troops in Iraq

A Midland area Boy Scout recently completed his Eagle Scout project by bringing a touch of home to a local Army National Guardsman and hundreds of his fellow Michigan soldiers stationed in Iraq.

Hunter James Glenn, 13, son of Gary and Annette Glenn of Larkin Township, assembled a team of volunteers that folded over three hundred small American flags and sent them with an individual message of thanks to Sgt. James T. Dean of Auburn and other members of the 1071st Maintenance Company of the Michigan Army National Guard, headquartered in Grayling and currently stationed near Baghdad.

Glenn received an e-mail from Sgt. Dean thanking him for the flags.

"Thank you so much for the flags!" Dean wrote, "It was really neat to be able to open up that package and to see all the hard work and dedication that went into doing this for all the troops stationed here. I took a few out for myself and some close friends of mine and then passed the box along to our chaplain so that he could help in getting all the flags handed out to as many troops as we had flags. Again, I want to say thank you so much for doing what you did and thinking of all of us here in Iraq. We can't thank everyone back home enough for all their con-

tinued support and prayers. You all are great."

Glenn's father served eight years with the Army National Guard and his late grandfather James R. Glenn was a U.S. Marine who served in both World War II and Korea and survived the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

He attends Midland Baptist Church and is a member of Troop 787 sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He has served as assistant senior patrol leader, and quartermaster in the troop. He is homeschooled and is a member of the Midland Flames homeschool basketball team.



Midland area Boy Scout, Hunter Glenn, 13, presents an American flag to Margo Dean, wife of Michigan Army National Guard Sgt. James T. Dean of Auburn, who is currently stationed in Iraq.

Lee named consultant for Shure Pets

Shure Pets recently announced Liz Lee, of Grayling, as their new Pet Consultant serving the Grayling area.

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Christopher Hodges leadership qualities were recently recognized by his peers, who elected him as one of the 2006 leaders of their Albion College Greek fraternity.

Hodges has been elected as the new member education

chair for Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

He is a senior majoring in music education and is completing the K-12 education program.

"The entire fraternity chooses its leaders from among its most dedicated and responsible mem-

bers," says Samuel Centellas, director of Greek Life at Albion College. "Holding a leadership position is an honor for any member."

He is the son of Douglas Hodges and Nancy Hodges of Roscommon and a graduate of Roscommon High School.

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Scion of Grayling lumber barons passes away

It is rare for a single person to be connected to as much history as former Grayling resident Margrethe "Jean" Michelson. Although Michelson died of a stroke on Dec. 31, her story remains as relevant today as ever, as it is lined in many ways to the rich legacy of this entire community.

Wilson was born March 25, 1918 to Axel E. and Elizabeth F. Michelson in Detroit, and resided there until her marriage on Aug. 22, 1942 to Andrew F. Wilson. She spent most summers throughout her life at her family's vacation home at Lake Margrethe, a home built by her father in 1923. She served as a Red Cross nurse's aide at Providence Hospital after attending St. Mary's College near South Bend, Indiana from 1937 to 1939.

Her future husband attended the adjacent campus of the University of Notre Dame. They were introduced at a St. Mary's tea dance on Feb. 6, 1938.

Mrs. Wilson was christened Margrethe Jean in honor of her paternal grandmother, Margrethe Michelson. Her grandfather, Nels Michelson, emigrated from Denmark to Northern Michigan in the 1860s, making Grayling his home.

Nels Michelson and his business partner Rasmus Hanson established several lumber companies that operated throughout northern Michigan. Nels's wife and Rasmus's wife, who was also named Margrethe, were cousins.

Jean's aunt, Karen Elizabeth (Michelson) Hartwick, affectionally known as "Tante Bess," preserved one of the last stands of

virgin white pine in Michigan and donated it to the state in honor of her husband, Edward Hartwick, who died in France during World War I.

Colonel Hartwick had earlier seen action in the Spanish American War, as a lieutenant leading his all-black troops up San Juan Hill before the ascent of Teddy Roosevelt in the famous battle. Hartwick also served with General Pershing in the western United States.

If that isn't an impressive enough connection, Nels Michelson built a house at 918 W. Boston Blvd. across the street from son Axel, which became one of the classic homes of Detroit, subsequently owned and resided in by Barry Gordy Jr., founder of Motown.

Jean's father Axel Michelson established the Sunrise Club in 1920, building a cabin on the AuSable.

The Sunrise Club was a non-profit organization whose purpose was to "help in the propagation and conservation of fish, game, and insectivorous birds, as well as re-forestation of lands." In 1925, Axel wrote in the Sunrise logbook:

"We were all brought up in the woods with an abundance of fish, game and forests and have seen the streams and lakes depleted,



Jean Michelson Wilson is pictured here at her 60th Wedding Anniversary celebration. She died of a stroke on Dec. 31.

the game almost vanish, and the forests fall. But through study and effort we have also seen the fish increase again, the game cover become populated and the pine tress begin to grow.

There is still a long way to go, and, no doubt, many mistakes will be made in getting there, but it is only through hard and continual effort along these lines for which our Club is organized that the desired results will be accomplished."

After the war, Jean and Andy settled in Detroit, but Grayling remained just as much a home to her throughout her life. The rest of her life was devoted to being a



Margrethe Jean Michelson as a youngster on her bike in Detroit.

wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She raised four sons, Michael, John, James Axel and Robert, and was delighted at the subsequent arrival of five granddaughters, a grandson, and two great-grandsons. Her brother John Axel Michelson, his wife Shirley and their two children Robert and Donna and families live in Oregon.

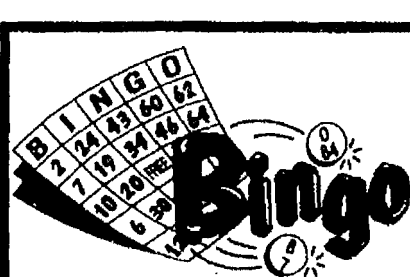


Photos furnished from Jean's son, Robert C. Wilson

Jean Michelson (left) poses with Mary Borchers at Lake Margrethe in the 1930's for a photo that was to be used in a state of Michigan travel brochure. Michelson spent many summers at Margrethe.



Jean's parents Axel Michelson and wife, Elizabeth (Finn) Michelson at Lake Margrethe.



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Photo of the Michelson/Wilson cottage on Lake Margrethe, dated 1923.

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2005: Year In Review

Happy New Year!

With 2005 at an end, the Crawford County Avalanche presents its annual Year In Review.

The Year In Review includes article summaries from stories featured in 2005 Crawford County Avalanche editions.

Article summaries are listed according to the newspaper edition date in which the story appeared.

The 2005 Year In Review is being published in two parts. This week's Crawford County Avalanche includes the months of

July through December.

The months of January through June were featured in last week's Crawford County Avalanche.

July

7th

- Anglers of the AuSable and Trout Unlimited protested a permit that the Department of Environmental Quality issued to Merit Energy, a Texas based oil firm to pump 1.15 million gallons of treated water into Kolke Creek, a creek which feeds into the headwaters of the AuSable River. The conservation groups argued that increased flows in the river could result in erosion, impact fish habitat, plant life and insect hatches. Department of Natural Resources fisheries officials also opposed the plan, saying it is not common practice to move water from one watershed to another.

- City of Grayling, Crawford County Road Commission, Grayling Township and Crawford County Pathway officials studied the possibility of creating a trailhead at the Grayling City Hall, which would allow people to park their cars at city hall and get out onto a paved pathway on their bikes or in-line skates.

- Forty area middle and high school students learned a variety of skills and were exposed to a number of career opportunities during the two-week Vocational Education Summer Exploration Program at Kirtland Community College, which was sponsored by the Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon Intermediate School District.

14th

- The AuSable River Canoe Marathon Committee announced that a blanket ban was being instituted to discourage spectators from placing blankets on the ground prior to the start of the 58th Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. The change was brought about because complaints have been received the last couple of years due to people placing blankets and tarps on the ground at Ray's Canoe Livery as early as the Wednesday prior to Saturday's race.

- The Animal Shelter of Crawford County hosted a charity dinner at the Ole Barn in an effort to raise funds to build a new animal shelter where Randy Thompson, the owner of Century 21 River County, was roasted by friends and family.

- Frederic Fun Days was revived in Frederic, with a community parade, a karaoke contest and Little Miss and Mr. Frederic pageant.

21st

- The Board of Directors of the Crawford County United Way hired Linda Williams, a Crawford County resident and a long-time self-employed business owner to serve as their chief administrative officer. Williams replaced April Brunger, the former United Way executive director, who resigned to pursue other job opportunities.



Andrew Triebold and Matt Rimer win the 2005 Spike's Challenge C-2 race (July 28 edition)

- AuSable Gifts, the downtown Grayling business owned by Kris Madill and Lori Smith, hosted a Harry Potter book sale at 12:01 a.m. to mark the release of J.K. Rowling's sixth book, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince." About 50 children also attended a youth program at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, where youngsters were quizzed about Harry Potter trivia, took part in the reading of an interactive story, received dozens of prizes and

participated in a Dragon Egg hunt.

28th

- Governor Jennifer M. Granholm appointed Chief 46th Trial Court Judge Alton T. Davis, who has had been a circuit court judge for 21 years, to serve as an appellate judge for the 4th District Court of Appeals.

- A thunderstorm ripped through the Grayling area, knocking down trees, causing power outages and challenging

City of Grayling Department of Public Work's employees and AuSable River Canoe Marathon volunteers as they prepared to set up for the annual marathon festivities.

- Crawford County received an \$18,000 grant, which will pay for engineering to determine if a riverwalk can be placed adjacent to the AuSable River between the Grayling Township Park and the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library from the U.S. Forest Service. A second grant

for \$42,000 will be used to pay for signs, which will be placed along the county's paved pathway systems, and for materials to promote the trail. The funds were made possible by the National Forest Dependent Communities Development Economic Act of 1990, which was passed to help areas which are dependent on the timber industry where persistent poverty exists. About 38,000 acres of the Huron-Manistee National Forest are located in Crawford County.

August

4th

- Jeff Kolka of Grayling and Serge Corbin of Quebec posted their ninth AuSable River Canoe Marathon victory as a team, edging Andrew Triebold of Spring Arbor and Matthew Rimer of Horton by one second in one of the closest finishes in AuSable River Canoe Marathon history.

- Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Milli Haug submitted her letter of resignation to the school board after serving as the district's school chief for four years in order to take the superintendent's position for the Coldwater Community School District in southern Michigan.

- The Gift of Life Foundation honored the families of organ donors at the annual Rosebush Planting ceremony held at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

11th

- The Lone Pine School was dedicated by the Lovells Historical Society to honor the many members of the Kellogg family who attended the school. The one-room school, which houses artifacts and memorabilia collected by the Lovells Historical Society, was built by Ed Kellogg and Gustav Ernst in 1907 during the lumbering era.

- Kirtland Community College was honored by the U.S. Forest Service for the college's years of

cooperative work to enhance public knowledge about the federally endangered Kirtland's warbler with a 2005 Wings Across the Americas Research and Management Partnership Award, a federal initiative aimed at helping expand and recognize national and international bird conservation partnerships.

- The AuSable Quilt Guild recently presented a quilt to Grayling Township officials which illustrates several activities that have occurred in the community's history. The quilt is on display in the meeting room at the Grayling Township Hall.

- Springs Wood Products, a firm located in the Grayling Industrial Park which manufactures wooden shades, blinds and shutters for homes and businesses, announced plans to add 50 employees to its workforce.

18th

- A boil water advisory was issued in the City of Grayling to prevent bacterial infection after crews for M & M Excavating of Gaylord, the construction company hired to retrofit Grayling's storm water sewer system, accidentally broke a ten-inch water main adjacent to the Grayling City Park.

- Rob Paulsen, a voice actor for Raphael (*Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*), Pinky (*Pinky & the Brain*) and Carl (*Jimmy Neutron*)



Crawford Cruisers play the TV 9&10 All-Stars in a charity softball game at Hanson Hills (August 25 edition)

paid a visit to Grayling where he spent summers as a child while he was in northern Michigan pursuing a business venture.

- Crawford County Commissioners agreed to spend \$47,000 to have the circuit court room equipped with electronic

audio and video recording equipment.

25th

- The AuSable Adventure Golf Outing held at the Fox Run Country Club Course and a dinner and silent auction held at the Grayling Holiday Inn netted over

\$50,000 to help assist family members of troops fighting the war on terrorism.

- The AuSable Free Clinic, Inc., which is served by a group of volunteer medical personnel, opened its doors in Grayling and treated seven patients with a variety

of health care issues during the first night care was provided to the uninsured.

- Grayling High School Students earned credits toward their graduation by attending a summer school program at the M-THC Center in Gaylord.

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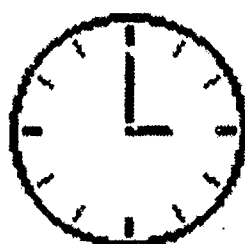
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September

1st

• The former St. Mary's Rectory was moved by Hutchinson Davis Movers of Lake City from 708 Peninsular Avenue to the corner of Maple and Ogema Street, where it will be remodeled to serve as the family residence for Diane and David Jorgensen, the pastor for the Seventh Day Adventist Churches located in Grayling, Mio and West Branch.

• AuSable Primary School officials celebrated the first year of offering all day kindergarten to youngsters, recognizing that the 126 boys and girls were able to master fundamental reading skills due to the added time spent in the classroom.

• Downtown business owners, Grayling City officials and community stakeholders took part in a planning session for the downtown area, identifying the need to add landscaping, make parking improvements, create routes for snowmobile traffic and improve the appearance of storefronts in the shopping district.

8th

• The Grayling Rotary Club donated 50 bike rings to the City of Grayling, which people can lock their bike to while they go into restaurants, businesses and municipal buildings as part of the Rotary International Centennial Celebration project.

• The Crawford County Library System initiated a drive to collect new books for hurricane Katrina victims who have been relocated from New Orleans to the Michigan National Guard's Fort Custer Training Center in Augusta.

• Dick DeVos, a Republican candidate for the 2006 Michigan governor's race, stopped by Goodale's Bakery in Grayling, talking about his platform of issues including job creation and retention and economic development for Michigan.

• The Kodiak Group, an engineering and consulting firm, moved into the former Cartwright and Danewell Building on M-72 West from its former location in the Grayling Industrial Park as the growing firm prepared to take on more national and international business.

15th

• The Anglers of the AuSable, Mason-Griffith Founders and Headwaters Chapters of Trout Unlimited, and the North Branch Boys planted Northern White Cedar trees at various locations on the South Branch of the AuSable River including the Mason Tract in an effort to stabilize the banks and prevent erosion in the future, and contribute to the continuing high water quality and healthy trout habitat in the AuSable River.

• Home schooled students



Katie Baynham and Joey Bancroft are named 2005 homecoming queen and king (September 22 edition)

challenged the Crawford AuSable School District's athletic participation policy by seeking to have their home school work counted toward the eligibility requirements to be part of the school's sports team.

• Several community organizations and businesses including the Eagles Club, The Moose Pub, Scott McNamara Ford and the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church raised funds and collected items for hurricane Katrina victims.

22th

• The Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education approved a two-year contract with Superintendent Joe Powers, the school chief for the Detour Area Schools in the Upper Peninsula, to take the place of former Superintendent Milli Haug, who resigned to take a position with the Coldwater Community School District in southern Michigan.

• The Grayling Township Board of Trustees established the Four Mile Road industrial area as an Industrial Development Area under Public Act 198 of 1974, making the property enticing for new industry, that would then qualify for a 12-year 50 percent reduction on property taxes if

they locate in the industrial park and create jobs.

• Dozens of truck owners held their last mud bog and drags of the year at the Crawford County Fairgrounds during the event organized by the Concerned Racers Club.

29th

• Gov. Jennifer Granholm appointed Janet Allen of Gaylord to fill a circuit court judge vacancy created when former Chief 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Alton T. Davis of Grayling was appointed to serve on the Michigan Court of Appeals.

• Organizers for the Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner planned to hold the 12th annual holiday dinner at the Armory Building at Camp Grayling.

• Three local business owner couples, Fay's Motel - Keith Miles and Sandy Coe, Fox Run - Bob and Jeri Koutnik, and Holiday Inn - Dean and Lori Smith, were recently recognized for their efforts in organizing and conducting the AuSable Adventure Golf Outing to raise funds for the Michigan Army and Air National Guard Family Support Fund and Employers Support of the Guard and Reserve.

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10. New England
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October

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The midnight road patrol for the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, which was supported by a millage passed by county voters, started again for the first time in seven years as Deputies Ryan Finstrom, Paul Smith, Bill Bonkowski and Ryan Swope started patrolling county roads and Sgt. Randy Baerlocher and Sgt. Randy Herman began as shift commanders.

The Grayling City Council approved a 50 percent tax break for Derwich Industries due to the firm's plans to add 10 to 20 jobs at the business and invest \$1 million in equipment over the next six years.

The City of Grayling received the Community Partnerships award from the Michigan Municipal League for the community's stormwater project. The project is a cooperative effort between the City of Grayling, the Michigan

Department of Environmental Quality, Huron Pines Resource Conservation & Development, and over a dozen governmental agencies, conservation and community groups.

13th

The North Central Area Credit Union donated a home formerly used for administrative offices located at the corner Rose Street and Ogemaw Street to the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity.

The Tookula Choir from Minden, Germany performed at the Grayling High School as part of the Grayling Promotional Association's Entertainment Series.

The Grayling City Council approved plans to develop a nature center in the former Crawford County Library building with the assistance of a Michigan Department of Natural Resources recreation grant.

20th

Johnson Outdoors Inc. announced that Carlisle Paddles and Oars would stop manufacturing paddles and oars at the company's North Down River Road plant after the company, founded by the late Ken Carlisle, operated in Grayling for 34 years.

Members of the Grayling Curves for Women decorated their bras and had them put on display at the club as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Laura Purtil was honored as the Grayling Promotional Association's 2005 Member of the Year, and Cliff Wheeler was recognized at the 2005 Booster of the Year by the Grayling Youth Booster Club for his years of dedication and service to the organization.

The AuSable Free Clinic, Inc., hired Dawn Coleman, a nurse with extensive experience in Hospice and Home Health Care, to serve as a part-time

director for the clinic which provides health care to the uninsured.

27th

Judge Alton T. Davis of Grayling was officially sworn in as Judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals. The ceremony was held in Lansing.

Maureen Covault started as the Crawford County's new Victim Rights Advocate, taking the place of Sharon Huss, who retired after serving as the Victims Rights Advocate for five and a half years.

The Crawford AuSable School District agreed to purchase books for the Crawford County Library system as part of the Crawford County Collaborative Literacy Project to satisfy a funding disbursement arrangement established by the Frederic Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization, when the Frederic Elementary School was closed.

November

3rd

The Crawford AuSable Board of Education added language to the district's policy regarding home school students and athletics participation, which said students are allowed to participate in athletics if they are a regularly enrolled student in the district at a minimum of 20 hours per week.

The youth group at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church decorated the sidewalks by the church with sidewalk chalk on Sunday during the church's first Angel's Night event. Youth were encouraged to create positive images and messages as an alternative to Devil's Night, a night normally reserved for vandalism and mischief. The youth collected items for the Christian Help Center during the event.

The Huron Pines Resource and Conservation District agreed to pay half of the \$2,000 for the landscaping for a rain garden installed in the parking lot for The Bloomin' Grape Gourmet Deli and Market, China West, Dairy Queen and Hungry Howies to prevent stormwater run off from going into the AuSable River.

10th

Tom Wellman, a former city council member, won a four-year seat on the Grayling City Council, and incumbent Roger Moshier, the mayor pro-tem,

retained his seat on the city board in the Grayling City election.

Grayling's American Legion Post #106 and Legion Auxiliary raised about \$1,500 through a benefit spaghetti dinner held for Lisa and George Masella whose home, located at 404 Ionia St., was destroyed by an accidental fire on Sept. 30. Proceeds from the dinner were matched by funds raised through the American Legion's weekly bingo contest. George Masella is a mechanic for the 1071st Maintenance Company, which is on duty in Iraq.

Brain James Dawson II, a former veterinarian at the Grayling Animal Hospital, was charged in Crawford County District Court for two counts of larceny in a building. Dawson was arrested by detectives from the Strike Investigative Narcotics Group after investigating a complaint filed by Dr. Paul Mesack, the owner of the Grayling Hospital for Animals, who observed that the injectable narcotics used as pain killers for the animal patients were not working properly.

Irving McIsaac, who co-founded the Grayling Youth Booster Club, was presented with a Blue Cross Blue Shield Caring for Children Angel Award and a \$1,000 grant, for his 30 years of supporting Crawford County youth.

Grayling High School won

its first ever district championship in football with a 35-18 victory over the Kingsford Flivvers at Viking Stadium.

17th

Michael Patrick Bergan entered a no contest plea in Crawford County Circuit Court for assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder in connection with the death of Shane Piehl, 21, of Grayling, who was found shot in the head at close range with a .22-caliber rifle on a two-track off Four Mile Road near I-75, south of Grayling. The slaying occurred May 29, 2001. Bergan entered the plea two days before his jury trial for the Piehl case was to get underway.

State lawmakers announced legislation aimed at encouraging private timber management through tax incentives and opening more state timber resources for industry use at the Weyerhaeuser plant in Grayling.

The City of Grayling received the Community Initiative Award from the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors and Centers for Disease Control for the city's community water fluoridation program.

Alan Elson was awarded a 30-gallon pin for donating blood at an American Red Cross blood drive held in Frederic.

24th

Larry Akers was elected by

council members as the new mayor for the City of Grayling, replacing Joe Ferrigan, who served as the mayor of the community for two years, who resigned to devote more time to coaching the Grayling High School wrestling team and his family.

Friends of Hospice, a Grayling area community organization that has raised over \$20,000, was recognized by Hospice of Michigan for the group's efforts.

The Christmas Walk held in downtown Grayling had the theme "Back Home To the Heart of Christmas - Remembering our Armed Forces Around the World - Out Hearts Are With You." Citizens who came downtown for the Christmas Walk signed huge holiday cards which were sent to the troops overseas.

December

1st

The Grayling Cooperative Preschool received a \$2,000 grant from the Great Lakes Energy People Fund to replace the double-pane windows in the front of the preschool.

Huckins Contracting of Beaverton completed work on the city's stormwater project as well as replacing a water main on Maple Street which improved the efficiency of the city's water system.

The Michigan Supreme Court named Judge Patricia A. Morse as Chief Judge of the 46th Circuit Trial Court. This administrative position oversees all circuit, family, probate, district, and Friend of the Court matters in Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties.

The Trudeau triplets Holly, Cameron and Alexia, who were born at the Munson Medical Center in Traverse City on Nov. 11, 2005, came home with their parents, Nikki and Jason Trudeau.

8th

Helene L. Mowbray celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends last week at an open house held at Mercy Manor.

Larry Davis Jr. recorded the highest recorded series at the American Legion Lounge and Lanes with an 802 series while bowling in the American Men's League competition.

Construction crews completed work on a 1,100 square foot tarping facility at the

Weyerhaeuser plant, which will allow truckers to tie tarps used to protect the strand board from the elements on their loads using overhead cranes on their semi-trailers from the ground level.

15th

The Crawford County Commissioners agreed to review a grant request made to the county's economic development fund from Mercy Hospital Grayling, which would give hospital officials the final push needed to meet its capital \$2.3 million campaign goal for the emergency room expansion.

Dozens of children and families ventured to downtown Grayling for the Santa Stroll, which was organized by the Grayling Uptown District Association and included the Santa parade, a petting zoo and a chance to visit with Santa at the Crawford County Courthouse.

A group of elementary student singers who have family members serving in Iraq and Afghanistan recorded the song, "This Land is Your Land," which was produced by Diane Chamberlan and Al Bondar of Dharma Record and was delivered overseas to troops for Christmas.

22nd

The 41 men and women of the Camp Grayling-based 507th Engineer Battalion were flown into the Grayling Army Air Field on a Michigan Air National Guard C-130 after serving a one-year mission in Iraq.

Grayling Fish Hatchery

Steering Committee submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Business Enterprise grant to fund a new roof for the fish hatchery building.

The staff and students at the Grayling Elementary School celebrated "Johnathan Rand Day" in honor of former student Christopher Wright. Wright, a 2005 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee for Crawford AuSable Schools, graduated from Grayling High School in 1982. He is the author of the well known Michigan and American Chillers book series.

29th

Brig. Gen. Robert V. Taylor, Assistant Adjutant General, Army for the Michigan National Guard, announced the selection of Colonel Dean Brown as the new Camp Grayling Commander upon the retirement of Colonel Dennis D. Hull on Feb. 1, 2006.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners agreed to spend \$5,000 on a pole barn building which will be used to store recycled products at the Grayling Township Recycling Center and Transfer Station. The Grayling Township Board budgeted the rest of the funds for the building, which is expected to cost \$5,000 to \$10,000 to complete.

Volunteers and Grayling school officials kicked-off a campaign to raise \$100,000 to build a new weight room at Grayling High School.

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SPORTS & RECREATION

Vikings move to 5-1 with victory at East Jordan

■ **Grayling seals league win on Friday night with a 9-2 run down the stretch**

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball squad posted a 76-59 victory at East Jordan on Friday in the team's first game back following winter break.

The Vikings trailed 12-9 after one quarter but led 34-26 at half-time. Grayling had a 51-44 advantage going into the fourth quarter.

Two free throw shots by Mike Boylan put GHS up by nine, 53-

44. A three-pointer by East Jordan pulled the Red Devils within six. A lay-up by Steve Hodge, an inside shot by Jim Boylan, and a triple by Bobby Starks gave Grayling a 60-47 lead with 5:42 left in regulation.

Six unanswered points by East Jordan cut Grayling's lead to seven with 4:13 left in the contest.

A three-point play by Zach Dean, two free throws by Eli VanNuck, and an inside shot by Dean put the Vikings up by 14 points.

A put-back and a jumper

pulled East Jordan to within 10, 67-57, with 1:47 remaining.

The Vikings outscored the Red Devils 9-2 down the stretch to seal the victory. The run included a put-back by Starks, a drive by Hodge, an inside shot by VanNuck, and free throws by VanNuck and Ronnie Johnston.

VanNuck was the scoring leader for GHS with 21 points. Dean had 10 points and 10 rebounds. Starks scored 12 points and Jim Boylan finished with 10 points. Reagan Schmidt had 9 points and Hodge added 8. VanNuck and Hodge had 3 steals

apiece.

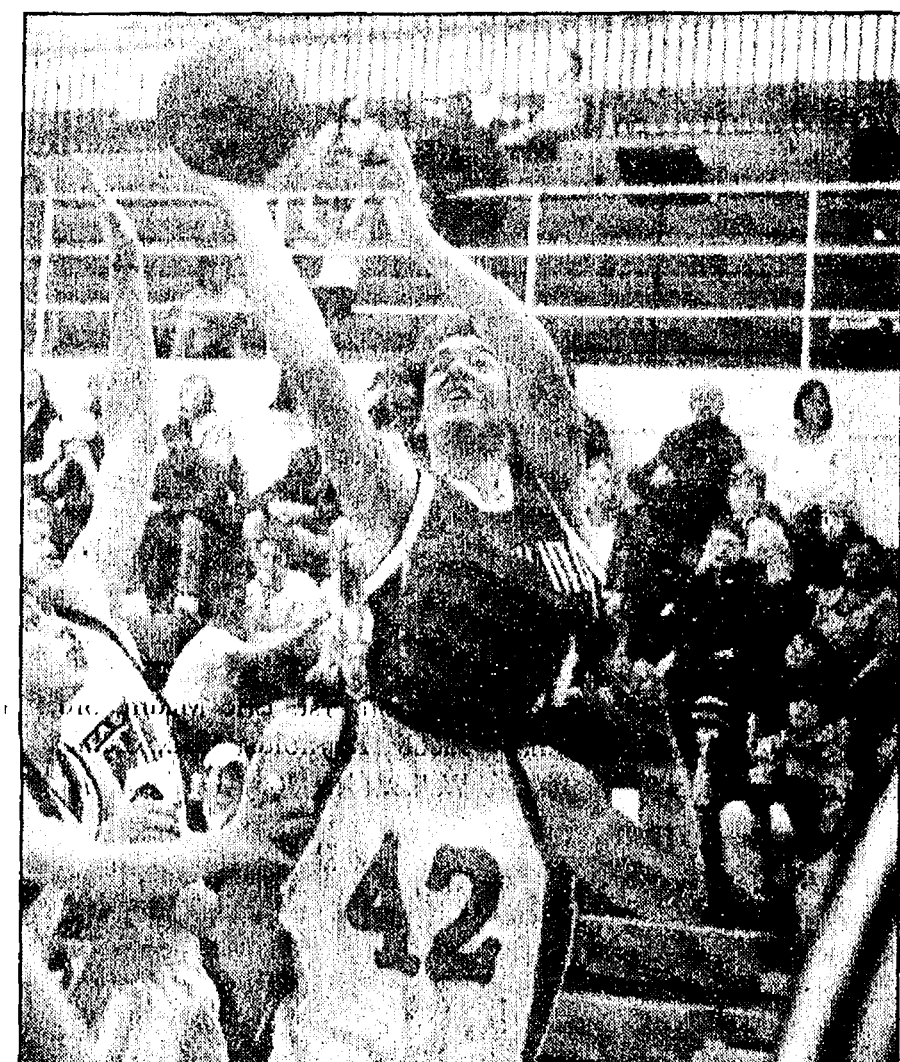
"We made a nice run at the end of the game," Coach Rich Moffit said. "East Jordan played very well and our kids fought through some good battles. Our biggest thing is we need to play consistently well for the entire 32 minutes. We need to continue to strive for that. We'll work hard and get it done."

Friday's win improved Grayling's season record to 5-1 (2-1 in conference play).

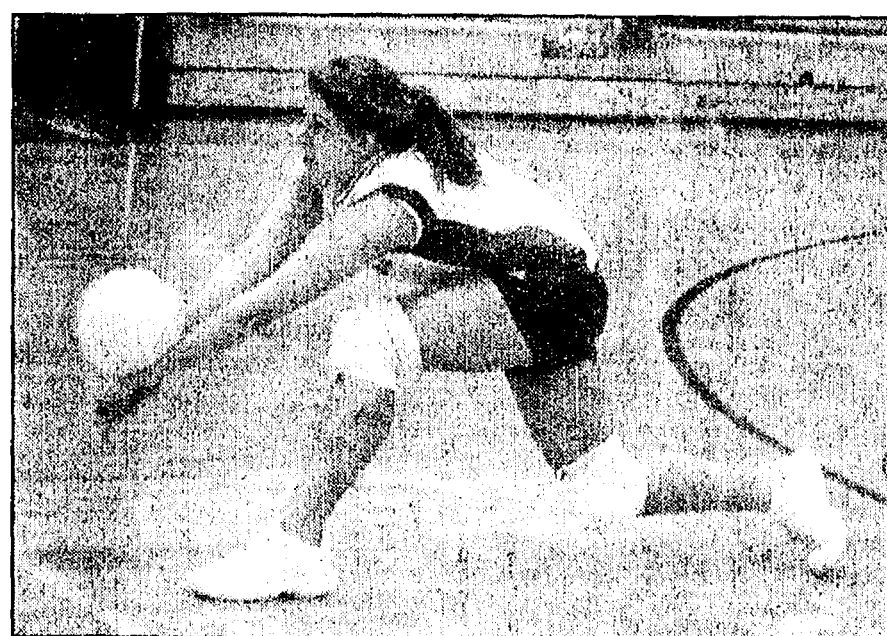
The Vikings play at Elk Rapids on Friday, Jan. 13. GHS will host Kalkaska on Tuesday, Jan. 17.



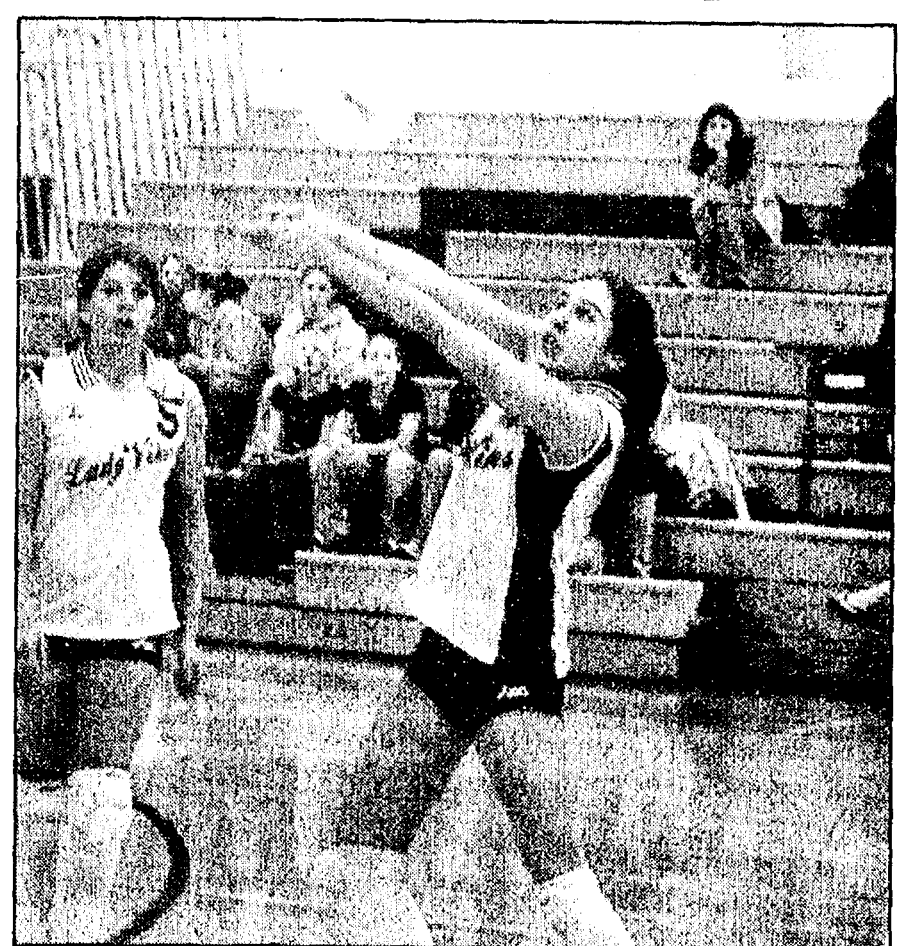
(Left) Zach Dean fights for position on a rebound opportunity during last Friday's varsity basketball game at East Jordan. (Right) Bobby Starks takes an inside shot for the Vikings vs. the Red Devils.



JV volleyball team plays at Elk Rapids



Shentele Apps keeps the ball alive for Grayling during last Thursday's JV volleyball series at Elk Rapids. The Elks won the meet 2-0 (25-19, 25-19).



Renee Clair (above) and Jessie Baker (below) hit the ball for GHS at Elk Rapids on Thursday.

Heads Up North

Viking of the Week



Varsity Basketball
Coach: Rich Moffit

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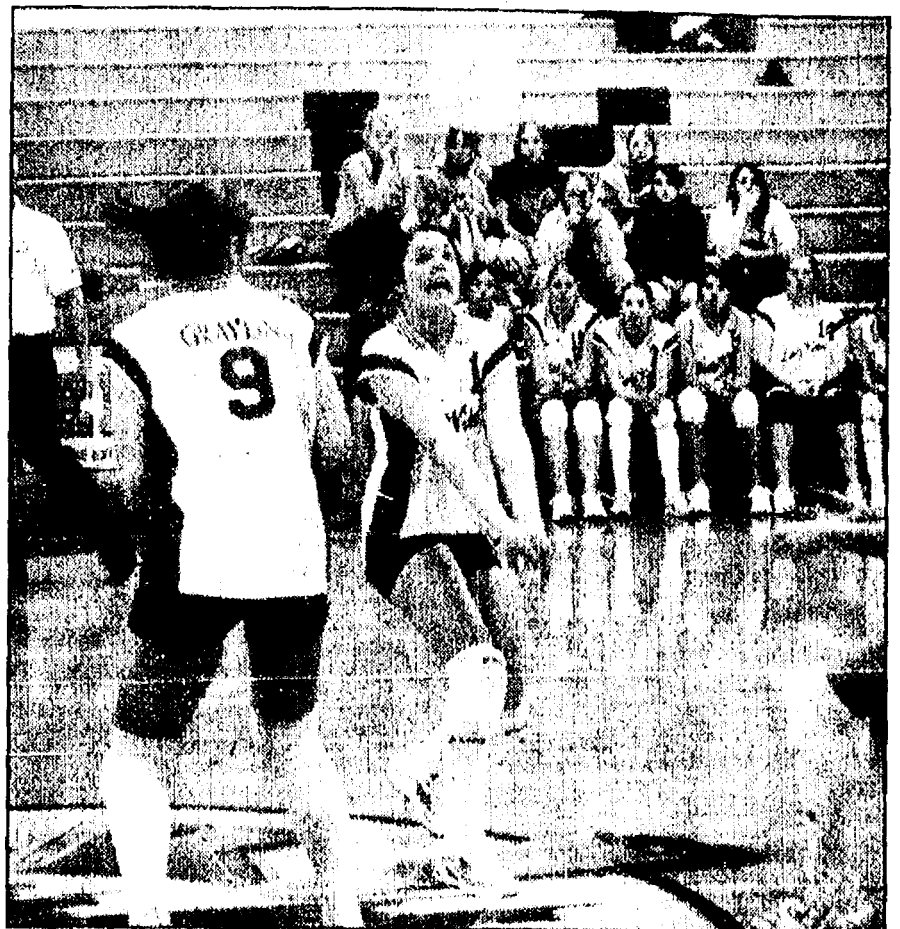
Viking of the Week



Wrestling
Coach: Joe Ferrigan

JOEY FERRIGAN

Joey placed 1st at the Oscoda Invitational, pinning all five of his opponents in the first period.





The GHS wrestling squad celebrates a first place team finish at the Oscoda Invitational on Saturday.

Wrestling team places 1st at Oscoda Invitational

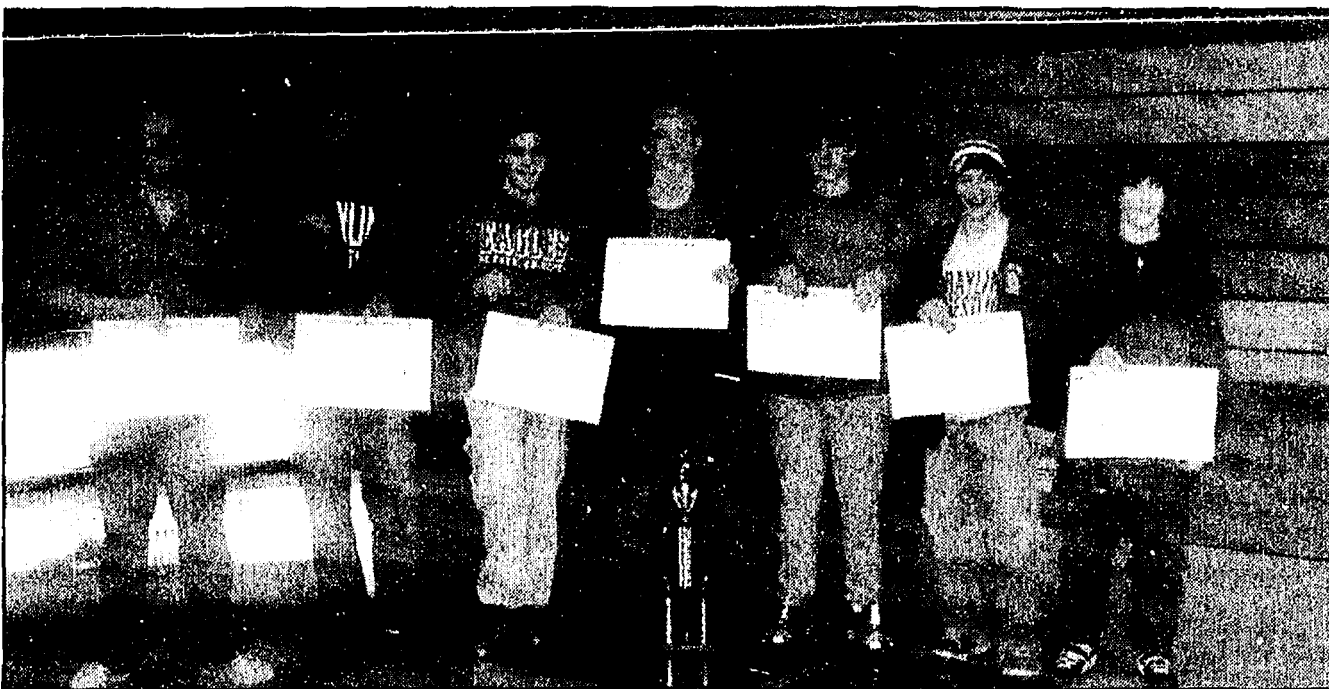
All 14 Vikings earn medals on Saturday, including 7 1st place finishes

The Grayling High School wrestling team placed first out of six teams at Saturday's Oscoda Invitational tournament and had seven individual champions.

The meet included teams from Hale, Mio, Oscoda, Cheboygan, Michigan Lutheran Seminary, and Grayling.

All 14 Viking wrestlers earned medals by placing in the top four in their respective weight classes, and seven of those 14 medalists finished 1st.

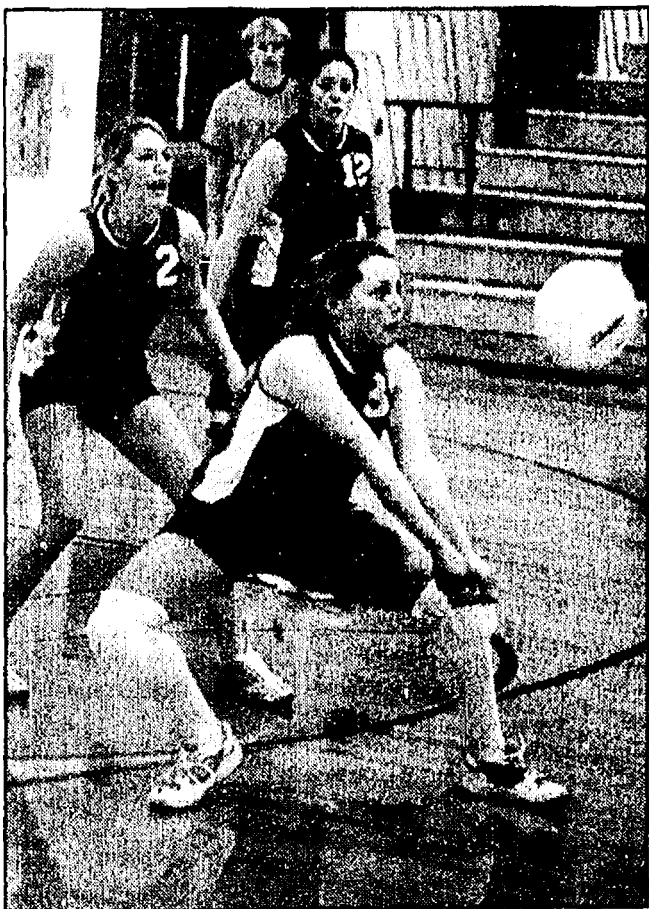
Individual placements for GHS included: Frank McLeod, 3rd; Robert Thorpe, 4th; Steve Grove, 1st; Eric Goscicki, 3rd; Cody Collen, 2nd; Cody Malone, 1st; Corey Metzger, 1st; Jeff



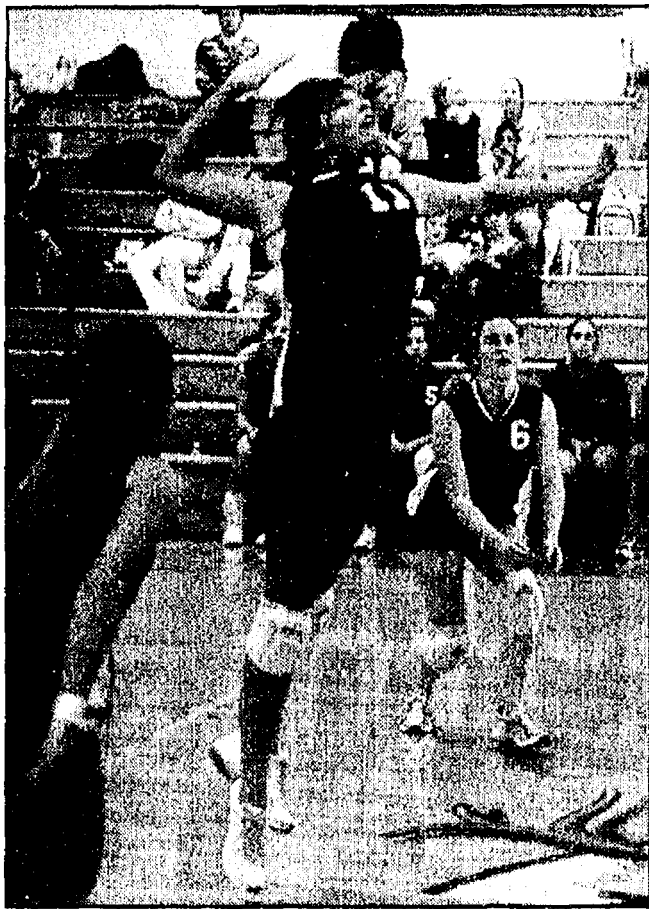
Seven Vikings took first place in their weight class at Saturday's Oscoda Invitational: (left to right) Bill Stewart, Joey Ferrigan, James Walker, Jeff Bancroft, Corey Metzger, Cody Malone, Steve Grove.

Bancroft, 1st; Eric Madill, 3rd; Bill Stewart, 1st; Dan CdeBaca, 12, at 6 p.m. at Grayling Middle School. and Pine River on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 6 p.m. at Grayling Middle School.

Varsity volleyball squad falls to Elk Rapids 3-1



(Left) Sammi Wakeley hits a ball for the Vikings during last Thursday's varsity volleyball series at Elk Rapids. (Right) Adrianna Voelker goes up for a shot at the net. Elk Rapids won the series 3-1 (27-25, 25-18, 20-25, 25-14).



Andrea Southard (left) and Amanda Lutz (right) hit the ball for Grayling at Elk Rapids on Thursday.



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JV Vikings win 48-36 at East Jordan

■ Junior varsity squad seals victory with 11-6 fourth quarter on Friday

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team defeated the East Jordan Red Devils by a final score of 48-36 at East Jordan last Friday.

The Vikings took a 37-30 lead into the fourth quarter and outscored the Red Devils 11-6 in the final eight minutes to seal the victory.

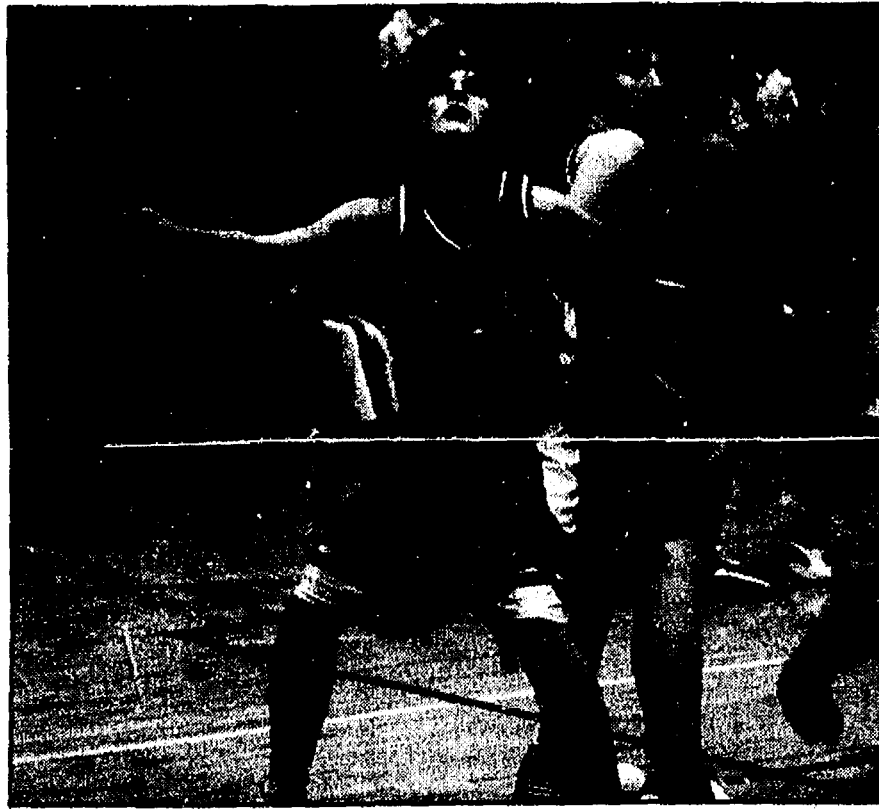
"Offensively we struggled. Our defense earned us the win. We had a season high 60 deflections and held East Jordan to six points in the

fourth quarter," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "We keep improving each week but still have a long way to go."

Richard Schreiber scored 12 points for GHS. Jason Drudge and Rocky McNamara finished with 7 points apiece. Isaac VanNuck and Ryan Cooper each scored 6 points. Josh Stapleton had 5 points and Matt McDonald added 5 points.

The JV Vikings are 2-4 overall with a 2-1 record in Lake Michigan Conference games this season.

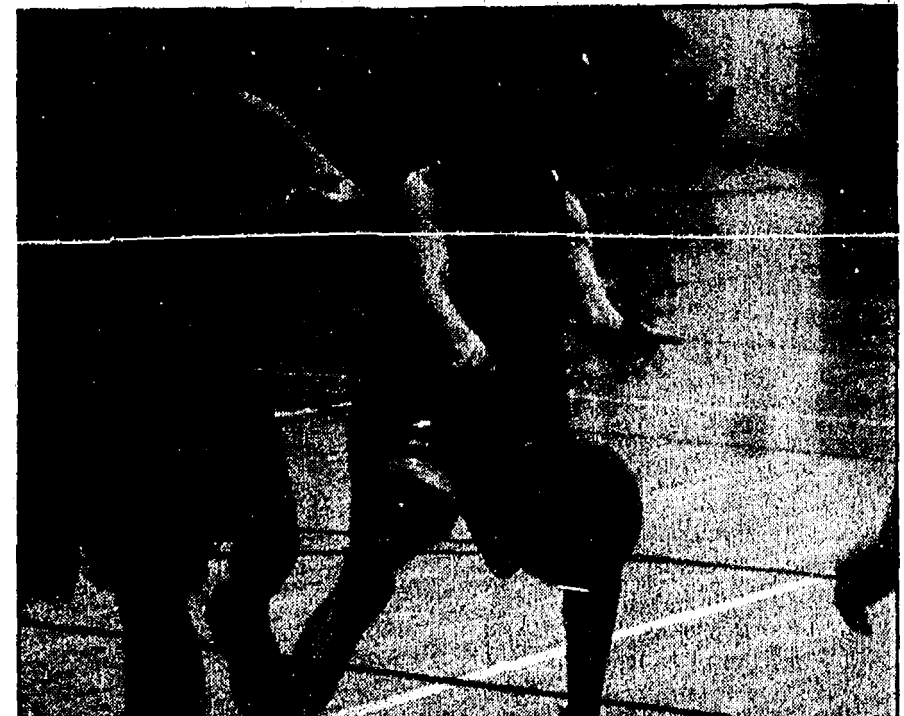
The team plays at Elk Rapids on Friday, Jan. 13. On Tuesday, Jan. 17, the Vikings will host the Kalkaska Blazers.



Matt McDonald boxes out on a rebound attempt on Friday at East Jordan.



(Above) Jason Drudge shoots for the Vikings vs. East Jordan. (Below) Josh Stapleton passes the ball.



LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Randy Bolden Sr. and Betty Bolden, husband and wife, to Saxon Mortgage, Inc., mortgagee, dated February 20, 2002 and recorded May 17, 2002 in Liber 581, Page 619, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas FKA Banker's Trust Company, as Trustee and Custodian by: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc., FKA Meritech Mortgage Services, Inc., as it's attorney in fact by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Two and 19/100 Dollars (\$46,462.19) including interest at the rate of 7.90% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 15, 2006.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 16 of the recorded Plat of Madsen's Pines, Crawford County records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: January 12, 2006
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas FKA Banker's Trust Company, as Trustee and Custodian by: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc., FKA Meritech Mortgage Services, Inc., as it's attorney in fact, As Assignee
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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy T. Thomas and Stacey M. Thomas, original mortgagor(s), to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2005, and recorded on May 5, 2005 in Liber 675 on Page 302, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Benefit of the Certificateholders, Park Place Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-WCW2 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Five And 23/100 Dollars (\$98,265.23), including interest at 7.85% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 15, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 28 North, Range 4 West

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MORTGAGE SALE
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Roger A. Moshier and Kary L. Moshier, his wife, to Home Loan and Investment Bank, F.S.B., mortgagee, dated July 14, 2001 and recorded July 23, 2001 in Liber 543, Page 162, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee of CSFB ABS Trust Series 2002-HE11 by assignment dated August 14, 2001 and recorded on May 19, 2004 in Liber 668, Page 276, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Six and 30/100 Dollars (\$47,496.30) including interest at the rate of 12.95% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part

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The premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The Western half of Lots 7 and 8 of Block 3 of O.M. Barnes Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

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MORTGAGE SALE- Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven R. Czapek and Jeanne A. Czapek, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 10, 2004, and recorded on December 28, 2004 in Liber 673 on Page 52, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Two And 94/100 Dollars (\$111,602.94) including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 15, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, Block 8, Hadley's amended Addition to the Village

(now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded plat thereof, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

Dated: January 12, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #070915F02

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by:

Kay E Weiler and Leonard P Weiler, wife and husband as joint tenants to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated October 3, 2003 and recorded October 10, 2003 in Liber 655 Page 452 and re-recorded December 8, 2005 in Liber 678 Page 884 Crawford County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Sixty-Seven Dollars and Forty Cents (\$84,067.40) including interest 8.12% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM. on Wednesday, January 25, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

All that part of the West one half of the East one half of the East one half of the Northeast one quarter of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying North of Highway M-72, EXCEPTING that part commencing at the Southwest corner of that part of the West one half of the East one half of the East one half of the Northeast one quarter of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying North of Highway M-72, thence East 2.5 rods, thence North 10 rods, thence West 2.5 rods, thence South 10 rods to the point of beginning. Commencing at the Southwest corner of that part of the West one half of the East one half of the Northeast one quarter of section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying North of Highway M-72, thence East 2.5 rods, thence North 10 rods, thence West 2.5 rods, thence South 10 rods to point of beginning.

Commonly known as 1965 E M 72 Hwy, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the

redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: DECEMBER 19, 2005
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated January 17, 2005, and recorded on January 24, 2005 in Liber 673 on Page 457, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand One And 37/100 Dollars (\$180,001.37), including interest at 8.05% per annum.

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lawrence R. King and Cynthia M. King Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 17, 2005, and recorded on January 24, 2005 in Liber 673 on Page 457, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand One And 37/100 Dollars (\$180,001.37), including interest at 8.05% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 1, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, described as Commencing at the Southeast corner of same and running thence North 89 Degrees 06 Minutes West along the South line thereof 766.3 feet to the center of the County Road; thence North 1 Degrees 54 Minutes East along the center of said Road 320 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 06 Minutes West 33

feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 Degrees 06 Minutes West 106.3 feet; thence South 63 Degrees 18 West 126.6 feet to a stake; thence South 28 Degrees 00 Minutes West 125 feet; thence South 51 Degrees 27 Minutes East 48.7 feet; thence North 67 Degrees 52 Minutes East 42.4 feet; thence South 84 Degrees 30 Minutes East 26.5 feet; thence North 25 Degrees 00 Minutes East 175 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 06 Minutes East 100 feet; thence North 1 Degrees 54 Minutes East 25 feet to the Point of Beginning, including all land between the respective river bank traverse and the AuSable River Waters; and ALSO Commencing at the point where the south Bank of the AuSable River intersects the center of the County Bridge over said river located in the Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of said Section 12 for Point of Beginning; thence South 1 Degrees 54 Minutes West along the center of the presently existing County road to the South line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 12; thence North 89 Degrees 06 Minutes West 133 feet; thence South 25 Degrees 00 Minutes West 175 feet; more or less, to the bank of the AuSable River; thence Easterly and downstream along said river bank 210 feet, more or less, to the center of the County Road; thence North 1 Degrees 54 Minute East and along the center of the County Road 195 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning; including land to the water's edge and the riparian rights on said AuSable River, together with an easement for ingress and egress over and across a strip 15 feet wide by 133 feet deep adjacent to said tract on the northerly side thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 29, 2005
For more information, please call:
FC G 248.593.1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #077858F01

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Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: www.crawfordco.org eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

**Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
October 11, 2002**

LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael W. Bendig and Edna F. Bendig, husband and wife, to Amerquest Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated February 20, 2005 and recorded March 8, 2005 in Liber 674, Page 105, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Amerquest Mortgage Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2005-R2 Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of March 1, 2005, Without Recourse by assignment Dated November 17, 2005 and recorded November 28, 2005 in Liber 678 Page 670 Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen and 19/100 Dollars (\$132,416.19) including interest at the rate of 8.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 25, 2006.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 and the west one-half of Lot 45, Block 15, Sixth addition, Portage Lake Park, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 25, Crawford County Records; and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block 15, Sixth addition to the Portage Lake Park and Lots 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50, Block 18, Sixth Addition to the Portage Lake Park, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 25, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: December 22, 2005
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Amerquest Mortgage Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2005-R2 Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of March 1, 2005, Without Recourse, As Assignee

P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 214.2580

-22-29-5-12-19

Foreclosure

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by STEVEN NICHOLS AND JAYE NICHOLS, HUSBAND AND WIFE to CONSOLIDATED MORTGAGE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated October 21, 1997, and recorded on November 13, 1997, in Liber 441, on page 441, in CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, and assigned by MESNE assignment to MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY LOAN PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 1997-5 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty six thousand three hundred fifty four and 90/100 Dollars (\$56,354.90), including interest at 12.875% per annum WITH AN ADJUSTABLE RATE RIDER. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI., at 10:00 AM on January 25, 2006. Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as: PARCEL 1: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS 495 FT N OF THE SW CORNER OF THE SW QUARTER OF NW QUARTER OF SECTION 23, T26N, R7W, THENCE E 377.2 FT TO THE RIGHT OF WAY OF M-72 AS NOW SURVEYED; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 487.4 FT TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAY 492.5 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF THE SW QUARTER OF NW QUARTER OF SECTION 23, T26N, R2W. PARCEL 2: THE N 166 FT ON CHASE BRIDGE ROAD OF THE FOLLOWING: COMMENCING AT A POINT 165 FT N OF THE SW CORNER OF THE SW QUARTER OF NW QUARTER OF SECTION 23, T26N, R2W, TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE 43.6 FT TO RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG COUNTY ROAD 332 FT; THENCE E 188.6 FT; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY TO A POINT 400 FT E OF POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE 400 FT TO POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF THE SW QUARTER OF THE NW QUARTER OF SECTION 22, T26N, R2W SAID PARCEL IS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL "C" IN A CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY RECORDED WITH THE REGISTER OF DEEDS AT BOOK 151, PAGE 492. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale. DATED: December 22, 2005 Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. 401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 300 Birmingham, MI 48009-6616 ATTORNEY FOR: MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY LOAN PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 1997-5 Assignee of Mortgagee For More Information Call: (248) 540-7701 ASAP# 739506 12/22/2005, 12/29/2005, 01/05/2006, 01/12/2006

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Brian C. Watkins and Julie A. Watkins, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns THE HUNTINGTON MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagee, dated May 24, 2002, and recorded on June 4, 2002 in Liber 583, on Page 436, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY SIX AND 41/100 DOLLARS (\$65,836.41), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock am, on January 25, 2006.

Said Premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 10.01 Acres of the South 04.04 Acres of East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan. TAX ID NO. 20-040-41-003-16-020-00

The Redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale. Dated December 15, 2005 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns THE HUNTINGTON MORTGAGE COMPANY,

Mortgagee
PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, Michigan 48075

STATE OF MICHIGAN
83rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COURT ORDER FOR
ALTERNATIVE SERVICES

CASE NO. 05-2983-GC-1
Court Address 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.
Court Tel. 989-348-2841

Plaintiff
FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY
VS
Defendant
JAMES NEELY
4580 E Sterling Rd.
Sterling, MI 48659
Plaintiff's attorney
Police & Szuba, P.L.L.C.
MICHAEL S. SZUBA (P51320)
MATTHEW G. DZIELSKY (P67057)
40500 Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth, Michigan 48170
(734) 254-1080

THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon defendant James Neely, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:
2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method(s):

First class mail to:
James Neely 4580 E. Sterling Rd.
Sterling, MI 48659

Tacking or firmly affixing to the door.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Crawford County Road Commission in conjunction with the Crawford County Transit Authority and the City of Grayling will be holding a Public Hearing during the regular scheduled Road Commission Board meeting, Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting location shall be at the Crawford County Road Commission office in Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-00648.

Purpose for the public hearing will be to address and approve the selection of proposed projects eligible for TEA 21 funding.

Upon completion the Board will present the recommended proposed projects to the Regional Task Force for Consideration.

Additional information may be obtained from the Road Commission Office. Road Commission phone (989) 348-2281 or fax (989) 348-6933.

Prepared for the Crawford County Road Commission, Crawford County Transit Authority and the City of Grayling.

-22-29-5-12

James Neely 4580 E. Sterling Rd.
Sterling, MI 48659

Publication in Crawford County
3. For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.
Date 12-2-05
Judge John G. Hunter

-29-5-12

Mortgage Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: WAYNE C. METZER and KELLY A. METZER, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2002, and recorded on November 7, 2002, in Liber 606, on Page 156, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 14/100 DOLLARS (\$71,480.14), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on February 1, 2006.

Said Premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 13, Pine Grove Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 58, Crawford County Records.

The Redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated December 21, 2005
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2002, and recorded on November 7, 2002, in Liber 606, on Page 156, Crawford County Records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$47,785.51.

-29-5-12-19

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Lionel Richardson and Marty J. Richardson, husband and wife, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), dated April 24, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan, on May 4, 1998, in Liber 452, Page(s) 470, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this

Notice the sum of \$90,134.69, together with interest at 6.23 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on February 1, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., in the Lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Crawford, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit: LOT 3, JANICE MANOR, GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 22, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

Green Tree Servicing LLC
(f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation)
By: DONALD A. BRANDT (P30183)
Attorneys for Mortgagee
1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817
Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817
(231) 941-9660
Dated: December 29, 2005

-5-12-19-26

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee, in that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Richard D. Shurter and Chrystal S. Shurter, husband and wife, 3100 M-72 East, Grayling, Michigan to U.S.D.A., Rural Development, 3001 Coolidge Road, East Lansing, Michigan, dated May 20, 1994, and recorded on June 14, 1994 in Liber 377, Page(s) 610 in Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$47,785.51.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on February 1st, 2006 10:00A.M. local time, at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 6.5 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is situated in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford and described as follows:

The East 1/2 of all that part of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying South of M-72, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale, but if the property is abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days.

Dated: December 29, 2005

For further information contact: Rural Development, 240 W. Wright Street, West Branch, MI 48661.
Phone: 989-345-5470 ext. 4

Kirk C. Ellsworth (P39700)
Attorney for Mortgage Holder
2920 Blueberry Pl.
Saginaw, Michigan 48603
(989) 790-0994

-29-5-12-19

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Miller and Heather Miller, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated June 10, 2005 and recorded July 6, 2005 in Liber 676, Page 158, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Twenty and 56/100 Dollars (\$60,520.56) including interest at the rate of 7.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 8, 2006.

The premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

South one-half of East one-half of Lot 5, Block 4, Martha M. Brinks Addition to the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: January 5, 2006
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 207.4065

-5-12-19-26-2

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

CASE NO. 04-6364-CH
GARY & SANDRA CUSTER,
Plaintiff
VS:
RICHARD & TRACY AARDEMA
Husband and Wife
Defendants
Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.
By: Manda M. Breuker (P67826)
Attorney for Plaintiff
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
PO Drawer 665
Grayling MI 49738
(989) 348-5232

AMENDED NOTICE OF LAND CONTRACT FORECLOSURE BY SALE

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above entitled cause on the 29th day of September 2005, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 26th day of January 2006 at 11:00 in the forenoon, the following described property, situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan and be more fully described as:

PARCEL 3: Being a part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 7; thence S88°00'E along the East & West 1/4 line, 2040.3 feet; thence N1°46'E, 662.4 feet to Point of Beginning; thence N1°46'E, 331.2 feet; thence S87°51'E, 333.19 feet; thence S1°32'W along 1/4 line, 331.0 feet; thence N87°54'W, 334.53 feet to Point of Beginning.

Dated: December 22, 2005
Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.

-29-5-12-19

PUBLIC NOTICE CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL SECTION 5311 APPLICATION FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for fiscal year 2007, as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, and for Federal Section 5311 assistance as required under the Federal Transit Act, as amended.

CCTA is requesting Five Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$585,235) in state operating assistance for general public transit services; One Hundred Eighty Four Eight Hundred Ninety (\$184,890) in Federal Section 5311 operating assistance; and approximately One Million Seven Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,777,500) for facility renovation and expansion, replacement buses, equipment and other undertakings as are eligible for capital project support.

The proposed application is on file at the CCTA administrative offices. Interested parties may schedule an appointment to review the application by telephoning 348-8215.

Written comments regarding the application and/or written requests for a public hearing to review the application must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2006. If a hearing is requested, notice of the scheduled date, time and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

Submittals should be mailed to:

Crawford County Transportation Authority
4276 West North Down River Road
Grayling, Michigan 49738

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



January 13, 1983 - John Naour and Mike Branch sit down to discuss world affairs during the Grayling Rotary Minstrel Show.

23 Years Ago January 13, 1983

A flu bug that hit Crawford AuSable students and teachers just before the holidays has been identified as Type A influenza. Crawford County was one of only two places in the state reporting outbreaks of Type A influenza.

The newly formed Beaver Creek Township Fire Dept. completed their first fire run without a hitch, responding to a cabin fire on Memory Lane off Fletcher Rd. Now showing at the Rialto

Theatre. An Officer and a Gentleman.

The Grayling ski teams headed to Harrison to take on the Hornets. The Hornets skied away without much threat from the Vikes. The lady Hornets won 21-57, as did the Harrison boys, they won over Grayling 28-44.

Grayling wrestlers pulled out another victory in St. Ignace, to keep their conference mark unblemished, but two streaks were snapped at the Freeland Invitational, where Grayling fin-

ished fourth.

Skiers and snowmobilers have been grumbling, but wildlife in Crawford County have been kicking up their heels in delight over the late start of winter. A week into January there was still less than an inch of snow on the ground. The deer especially have taken advantage of the warm weather.

Insufficient snow has forced a two week postponement of the nation's second largest winter festival: Tip-Up Town U.S.A. at Houghton Lake.

46 Years Ago January 14, 1960

The winner of the annual cherry pie contest at Grayling High School this year was Miss Carole Gross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gross and second place was awarded to Miss Carolyn Millikin, daughter of Jack Millikin and third place was given to Miss Nancy Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelson.

Miss Grayling of 1960 will be announced at the Grayling Winter Sports Park. The five finalists are: Karen SanCartier, Starlett Griffith, Bonnie Borchers, JoAnn Trailer and Sue Lucksted.

An ironing board, pad and cover, the complete 3 piece set is available for \$2.99, also Luxury Muslin double size, flat or fitted sheets for \$1.67 and pillow cases 43 cents a pair. All these items can be purchased this week during Shoemakers annual January white goods sale.

Emil Kraus Dry Goods advertised car coats for \$12.99.

In December, Welsh Ford Sales sold a four-door Ford Falcon sedan to the Lacy Stephans, and McEvers Motor Sales sold a Rambler station wagon to Stanley Madsen.

Doctors J.F. Cook, D.D.S. and Paul Juntilla, D.D.S., opened new dental offices in the Keyport building at the corner of Spruce and Michigan Ave.

With the beginning of the new year, Dr. C. G. Clippert and Dr. B.E. Henig, who have been in the practice of medicine under the name of The Keyport, Clippert, Henig Clinic, together with Dr. Vernon B. Blaha have formed a new partnership. This partnership will now be known as Keyport Clinic.

69 Years Ago January 14, 1937

The development of the Department of Conservation's Grayling Fish Hatchery, has been completed for this year by enrollees of CCC Camp AuSable.

The Hanson Cafe basketball team broke even in a pair of games this week.

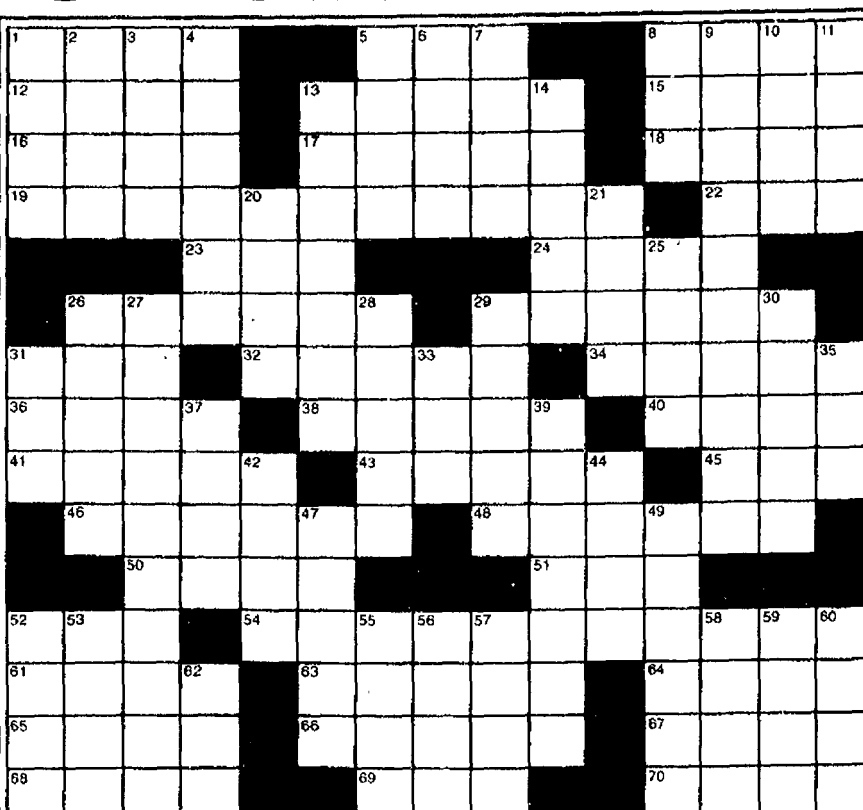
92 Years Ago January 15, 1914

P.E. Johnson has opened a dance hall and roller skating rink on the south side.

The mercury registered ten degrees below zero on Monday. It was the coldest we have had so far this winter.

Tony Nelson has accepted a position as clerk in the M. Simpson grocery.

CROSSWORD



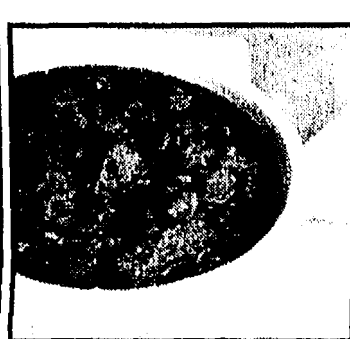
Across

1. Dawn, movie starring Burt Lancaster.
5. Abbreviation for Master of Public Health.
8. Reflected wave received by radar.
12. Great hardness.
13. Special disposals of goods at lowered prices.
15. Caroline ... Aunt Hilda on Sabrina, the Teenage Witch.
16. Slang for narcotics officer.
17. Wicker basket used by anglers for carrying fish.
18. Right angle bends in a pipe.
19. Having a clear, orderly mind.
22. Make a choice.
23. Slang for "leg."
24. Movable structure used to close off an entrance.
28. Had as an opinion.
29. Trouble.
31. Norse goddess of death and the underworld.
32. To become thirsty.
34. Give a new look to.
36. Middle ... period from A.D. 47 to 1453 in European history.
38. Having lower density.
40. Bring into safety.
41. Special administrative region of China.
43. Monetary unit of Turkey.
45. Being one more than nine.
46. V-shaped sleeve badge indicating military rank and service.
48. One or the other.
50. Small stream.
51. No.
52. Federal law enforcement agency.
54. Instrument used for detecting earthquakes.
61. Add a dash of liquor to.
63. Farewell.
64. Elaborate song for a solo voice.
65. Using speech rather than writing.
66. Living ... ABC TV show in the mid-'80s.
67. Special annual court in which the lords of a certain manor had jurisdiction over local disputes.
68. Deprive of anything exceptionable.
69. Unofficial association of people.
70. Specified day of the month.

Down

1. Called "yellow bronze" by the Iron Age people.
2. River in Russia.
3. Knowledge gained through tradition.
4. Set free from confinement.
5. Dark region of considerable extent on the moon's surface.
6. Earnest appeal.
7. Pay close attention to.
8. Before.
9. Treat with chlorine.
10. Give assistance to.
11. Kiln to dry hops.
13. Whole ... totality of a scheme.
14. Light wooden frames on runners used to coast over snow.
20. Sloping surface used to move from one elevation to another.
21. Formidable in appearance.
25. Rocks from which metal can be obtained.
26. French painter and sculpture.
27. Concerned with electricity.
28. Alfred ... American singer, actor and director.
29. Adverb referring to a place.
30. Cut off from the whole.
31. Exaggerate.
33. French vineyard.
35. Large, crowded city.
37. Finnish form of "Sarah."
39. Extremely harmful.
42. Acronym for Organic Ionic Liquid Solvent.
44. Adult male deer.
47. Request earnestly.
49. One that gives a sign of something to come.
52. Whip.
53. Operating a business without adequate insurance.
55. Image used as an object of worship.
56. Storage pit.
57. Change from solid to liquid, usually by heat.
58. Particular walk of life.
59. One who chatters.
60. Have great aversion to.
62. Old age.

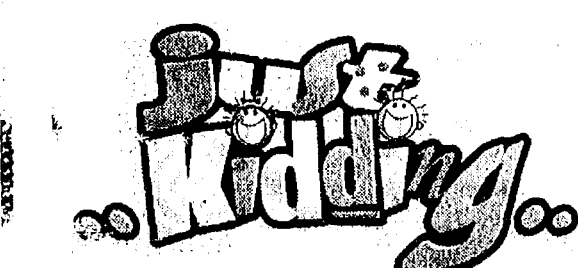
RECIPE OF THE WEEK



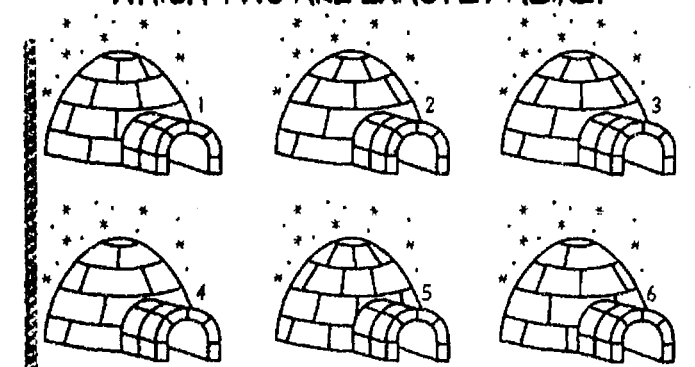
Tortilla Chicken Chili

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| 1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 3/4-inch cubes | 1 can 11 oz. Mexican-style or whole kernel corn, drained |
| 1 package chili seasoning | 1/2 cup water |
| 1 can 14.5 oz. diced tomatoes, undrained | 1 1/2 cups broken tortilla chips |
| 1 can 15-16 oz. kidney, white, or pinto beans, undrained | |

1. Heat a lightly oiled large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook and stir until lightly browned, about 5 minutes.
2. Stir in remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Top as desired.



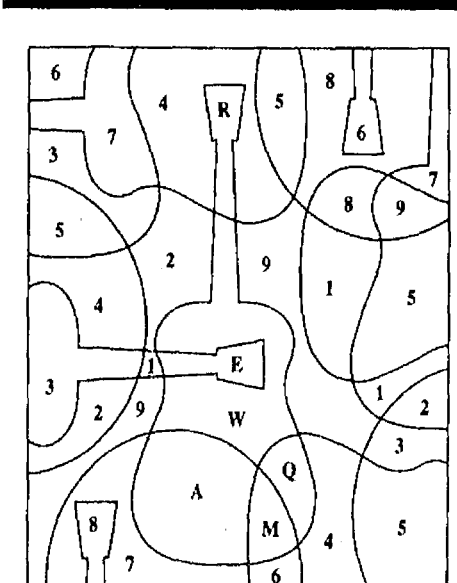
FIND THE TWINS WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



DID YOU KNOW??

Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.

HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of January 12, 2006



December 22-January 19

Good company and good food make for a pleasant week. A message from home sends you on a wild goose chase for an old treasure. Don't worry--you'll find what you are looking for.



March 21-April 19

Watch out, Aries. A friend may not have your best interest at heart. Avoid discussing their proposal with them until you have had time to read the fine print. A spot at work opens up.



June 22-July 22

Absentmindedness gets you into hot water at work. Cancer. Apologize profusely and purchase a day planner so it doesn't happen again. A neighbor's appeals don't go unheard.



September 23-October 22

A young relative makes an astute observation at a family event. Don't dismiss it, Libra. There is a lesson to be learned. Mother Nature brings a surprise.



January 20-February 18

Will power is one of your best assets. Capitalize on it to trim calories and lose those holiday pounds. An excursion over the weekend opens a door of opportunity. Seize it!



April 20-May 20

A nasty argument at home sends you ducking for cover. Whatever you do, don't get involved or the blame will be placed on your shoulders. Travel plans shape up nicely.



July 23-August 22

A risky move at work pays off. Enjoy the rewards. News from home gets the creative juices flowing and a project finished. Put it in a special place and show it off.



October 23-November 21

Smooth sailing is on the horizon. Prepare for some fun days ahead. A lost document at work appears nowhere--thank your lucky stars.



February 19-March 20

An old friend puts you into a difficult situation. Face your way out of it carefully. Pisces. You don't want to hurt their feelings. A financial error turns out in your favor.



May 21-June 21

Diligence pays off in a big way at work, Gemini. Celebrate with a night on the town. Romance moves into a new direction and reaches new heights. Savor the moment.



August 23-September 22

Cut it out, Virgo. You cannot put off a home repair any longer. Take care of it now before it gets worse. A bitter family feud finally reaches resolution.



November 22-December 21

Candor leads to several awkward moments throughout the week. Cheer up. Better times are ahead. An old friend makes a stunning move--be supportive.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

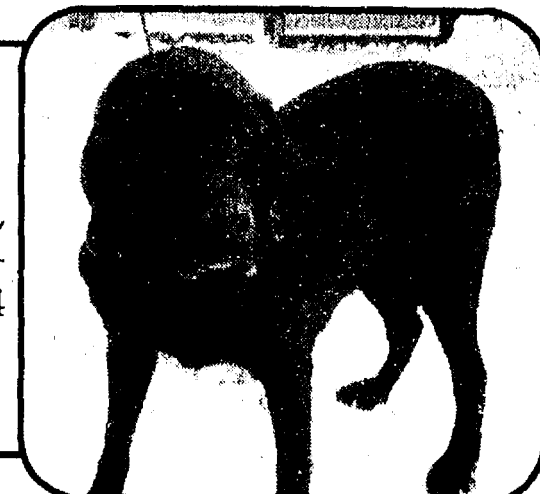
ADOPT A PET



Rascal
is a very playful, affectionate boy, about 4 months old now.

General

is a big, gentle, friendly chocolate lab, about 4 or so years old.



The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascsp.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 37 Low 30	High 36 Low 22	High 28 Low 20	High 33 Low 28	High 35 Low 17	High 25 Low 18
Cloudy	Rain/Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Snow Shower

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99t/1)

HIGGINS LAKE AREA \$99,000. info@tubet.net, ad #130512. Priced to sell. (989) 281-0321. (LR2/02/06/1)

CRAWFORD COUNTY UNITED WAY is seeking donations of buildable land for future fund raiser. Contact Linda Williams at 989-348-9300. (11/24/05t/1)


1. Real Estate

NORTH OF GRAYLING new log home. 3 bedroom/2 bath, wooded lot, very well built, 2005. Must see. Call Robert, (517) 706-2509. (-5-12/1)

2 BEDROOM TRAILER on approximately 3 acres with 2-car garage. Approximately 3 storage areas, some furniture. Asking \$58,000. 989-348-8503. (-12-19-26/1)

1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE Secluded, elevated, spacious, 3 bedroom, 2 full bath ranch, possible 4th bedroom in full basement. New paint throughout, all appliances included. Stone fireplace with insert, oak cabinets, doors and trim, ceiling fans, walk-in closets. 8.89 acres of rolling hardwoods. 24 x 36 framed, trussed, pole barn, needs completion. Asking \$109,000. Very motivated. Open house 9 - 5, Jan. 15, 5689 County Road 612. West at May Lake, Frederic. (-12/1)



Connie L. Winans
Rising cost of fuel won't affect this property! Beautiful log home can be totally heated with the wood burning system hooked directly through Central heating system. 11 acres, 50x50 horse barn with 4 stalls, round pen and more. \$310,000 #5510

Century 21
River Country Real Estate
5688 West M-72 & 2375 S. Business Loop
(989) 348-5474

1. Real Estate

PUBLIC NOTICE Real Estate Auction. By court, bank or seller order. Sells: 8:30 am Tue., Jan. 17 on site. Opening bid: \$1,000. 604 Spruce, Grayling. 2BR 1.0BA 975sf+ single-family. Inspections 1-4 pm Sun. before sale day and 2 hrs before sale time. Visit williamsauction.com or call 800-801-8003. (-29-5-12/1)

TRIPLEX IN TOWN on the AuSable, \$120,000. Call 231-599-2895. (12/22/05t/1)

RENT TO OWN! If you pay rent, you can own! Stop paying off your landlord's mortgage! You can Rent-To-Own your own home even with poor credit! Call Steven at 866-860-7994. 24 hour recorded message.



CASEY'S CORNER
Come Take A Look!
Cozy 3 bed Chalet in a peaceful setting near Lovell's. Home features Knotty Pine interior, Breeze-way to garage, front & rear decking and all the amenities of Warbler's Hideaway. Close access to the AuSable River & Snowmobile/ATV trails. \$88,900.00 #5600

Century 21
River Country
Casey Thompson 989-348-5474
casey@i2k.com

1. Real Estate

RECENTLY FORECLOSED 2 bedroom home at 580 Arbutus Court, Arbutus Beach, Gaylord, near Otsego Lake. \$19,900, \$1,000 down, 11% interest, 11.712% APR, 15 year payments of \$215 per month. Drive by then call Mr. Shepherd 517-336-7626. No call before driving by. Equal Housing Lender. (-5-12/1)

2. For Rent

ROOMY 1 BEDROOM upper apartment, in good neighborhood. Includes gas, electric, water, stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer and digital cable. Carpeted throughout. No children, no smoking, no pets. \$580 per month plus deposit. References required. Phone: 348-8993. (-5-12/2)

1. Real Estate

LAKEFRONT HOME FOR SALE
4 bedroom, 2 bath, garage and guesthouse with 100 feet of lake frontage on beautiful Lake Margarethe, 3222 Portage Ave., \$550,000. Call toll-free 866-245-8977 for more information. (-5-12-19-26)

2. For Rent

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY house and cottage rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, on Higgins Lake and on Houghton Lake. Higgins North Vacation Rentals. (989) 821-3434. (12/25/03t/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE for rent. \$450 and up. 989-348-5278. References, some pet restrictions. Seniors welcome. (-12/02/04t/2)

2 BEDROOMS/1 BATH small house in nice area. HUD approved, water provided, non-smoking, no pets. 989-710-6048 or 989-348-6801. (12/22/05t/2)

FOR RENT Grayling Housing Commission

Is taking applications for a (1) bedroom apartment. Base Rent is based on 30% of Adjusted Income. Maximum Ceiling Rents

1 Bedroom.....\$400
Rent Includes Utilities

308 Lawndale Drive
989-348-9314



1. Real Estate

You could
RENT: 3 BEDROOM, 1 Bath
HOME IN A NICE LOCATION
FOR \$575.00 A
MONTH W/NO SECURITY
DEPOSIT REQUIRED.

But why not **OWN** that same home for \$575.00 per month, -0- money down*?

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Grayling, MI 49738
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RIVER COUNTRY
Winning Office of 8
Quality Service Awards



Dream Property: Home, RV Area, state land. Outstanding 3 bedroom, 2 bath home and 3 car garage. RV area has 2 water & electric hook ups, 2 outhouses and fire-pit. 1000's of acres of state land right across the dead end driveway. #5540 \$134,900

Adjacent to thousands of acres of State land, this 1,458 sq. ft. Salt Box home with full finished basement, has 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, large covered porch, 30x24 garage plus old fashioned barn situated on 2.84 acres. #5581 \$115,900

Charming 1910 home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full basement, full attic area and tons of character! Original hardwood floors, newer roof and windows. Two car garage attached by breezeway. Sits on 2 1/2 lots right in town. \$115,000 #5392

40 acres of awesome property! State land on all 4 sides with ALL YEAR round access. Cabin has electricity, propane heat, outside hand pump and a path to the bath. Owner's portion of royalties to oil well are included in sale. \$139,000 #5418

Outdoor Enthusiasts will enjoy this 3 bedroom get-away! Great set up for a snowmobile club, or any group that enjoys outdoor activities in Northern Michigan. Located close to snowmobile trails, state land & the Manistee River. Built in 1995, furnished \$145,000 #5555

110' of AuSable South Branch frontage flows past this 2 bedroom, 1 bath mobile. Situated on a very private, wooded lot with state land across the river and lots of wildlife sharing the neighborhood. \$94,500 #5558

10 acres and just about everything else you could want... newer Salt Box style home with 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, full-walkout basement, beautiful Knotty Pine vaulted ceilings, and Knotty Pine wood flooring. \$145,000 #5586

Stunning english country home sitting on the banks of the AuSable. River! Home has just gone under total restoration and features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, ceramic tile and hardwood flooring, stained glass doors, french doors, and antique chandeliers! \$245,000 #5530

COMMERCIAL
Building is only 3 miles from I-75 exit 259. 3600 sq ft unit has 4 10 x 12 grade level doors and 1 dock level door with dock leveler and seal. Includes an ADA restroom and small (8x20) office. Efficient overhead gas radiant tube heat. \$6.00 per sq ft gross lease. Owner is a licensed real estate agent. #5618 \$6.00 SF

Beautiful piece of property ready to build your dream home on! Located just minutes from downtown Grayling in a quiet subdivision within walking distance to the famed AuSable River! \$15,000 #5467

www.century21grayling.com

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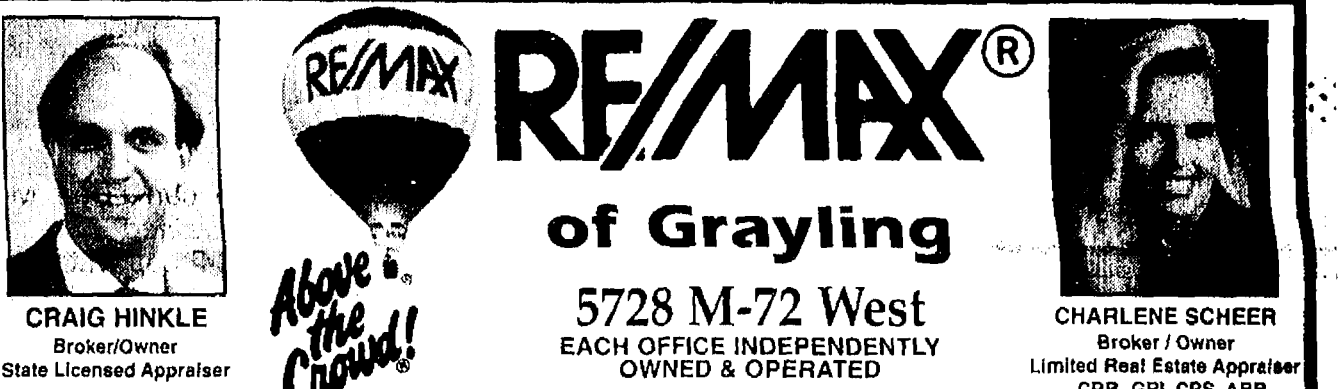
5688 West M-72
Grayling, Michigan 49738

Deerfield is a beautiful new subdivision with parcels being slightly over 1 acres in size. Located minutes to Higgins Lake, Lake Margrethe, Fox Run Golf Course, Skiline ski & golf, Hanson Hills and I-75. Prices Vary #4279



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REDUCED
3 BR HOME WITH STUDIO/GUEST HOUSE. Freshly remodeled and redecorated country home. 1,515 sq. ft. 3 BR, sunken living room with fireplace. Dining room, whirlpool, fireplace. 24x26 garage with 576 sq. ft. finished studio-guest house with kitchenette and bath. Landscaped yard with flowerbed gardens and pond. Energy efficient with natural gas heat. Gerrish-Higgins School District. CH-1876 \$99,500

REDUCED
BEAUTIFUL WOODED LOT WITH LAKE VIEW. Direct access to Perry Lake across the street. 933 sq. ft. home with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, den/office, brick fireplace with insert, 8x18 sun porch, and 6x8 storage building. CH-2211 \$39,900

THIS GORGEOUS 2,800 S.F. HALF LOG HOME JUST COMPLETED ON 10 ACRES ADJOINING STATE LAND. 3BR/2BA custom knotty pine interior. Great room features Fieldstone Fireplace and Tropicana windows. 10x10 screened porch overlooking natural hillside setting. 3-car finished garage, 30x40 pole barn. Other features. What a Master BR Suite! 18x30, plus 2 dormers, a gas fireplace, and door-wall onto deck. A must see! CH-1926 \$269,000

PRIVATE ACCESS TO MANISTEE RIVER. This Bellaire full-log home features 3BR with open loft, 3BA, tiled kitchen, custom countertops, open cathedral ceilings with full exposed beams. 2 skylights, Anderson-replacement windows, appliances, 3-season sun-porch, sliding glass doors. New 2 1/2 bat tub with cover and Goro, newer steel roof, and 2.5 car heated garage w/lean-to. Adjacent and backs up to state land. CH-2080 \$149,500

AFFORDABLE HOME IN NICE SUBDIVISION This home offers 1,056 sq. ft. with 2-3 bedrooms and 1 bath. Features include a nice kitchen with oak cabinets, full basement that is dry walled with family room and additional room. Large deck with privacy fence. 3 lots total. Appliances include stove, refrigerator with ice and water maker. Nice subdivision with private access to the famous Manistee River. \$89,000. CS-2242

LOOKING FOR A GOOD BUY? This 3 bedroom, 1 bath home is located on a double lot (120 x 120). Hardwood floors. Large breezeway, large picture window in living room, open kitchen and dining area. Drywall has been freshly painted. New vinyl siding, 2 years old. New floors in kitchen and dining area. New furnace and hot water heater. Home has immediate occupancy and is turn-key. Come see the value! CS-2192 \$74,500

10 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL HARWOODS. This rolling terrain is full of wildlife and is close to state land. Electricity is at road and the access road is blacktop. CS-2217 \$32,000

LOCATED IN A NEWER UPGRADE SUBDIVISION. 2,196 sq. ft. custom built home, 3BR, 2 full baths, master bedroom suite with walk-in closet. Yellow pine 16x16 flooring, walls & ceilings. Custom hand-made interior doors, quality rustic kitchen cabinets with stainless steel appliances & a bay window in dining room. Open log staircase, upper loft family room with two dormers. At porches & deck built with Trex Synthetic Decking. 8x10 covered porch with finished garage and concrete driveway. Front yard has been seeded. CH-2115 \$223,500

THE PERFECT FIRST INVESTMENT. This 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1700 square feet with new renovations. New color siding, new Barber carpet, new windows, new wiring, insulation and drywall. New dishwasher plumbed but not hooked up. New Cherry kitchen cabinets. Newer furnace. Gas fireplace in living room. Immediate occupancy. CS-2114 \$79,500

2 LOTS FOR SALE ON MANISTEE RIVER ROAD. (Nawly Blacktopped Road) Mixture of Pines and Oak; cleared building site. CS-2246 and CS-2247 \$9,000 and \$11,000

(989) 348-7440 You're #1 with us 800-731-4002
See us on the internet www.remax-grayling-mi.com
Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday by appointment only.

2. For Rent

OFFICE SPACE individual or multiple. Includes DSL, heat, electric, water, lunch room, conference room and use of existing phone system. Ample parking and high traffic location; immediate occupancy and flexible lease term. \$395/month, 989-348-5474, ask for Randy Thompson. (09/08/05tf/2)

NICE CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$425 plus deposit. No pets. 348-2418. (-5-12/2)

2 BEDROOM HOME on 2 acres near Skyline Ski. Privacy yard with deck. Range, refrigerator, washer, dryer, dishwasher. No pets. \$510 month plus security deposit. Credit check and references required. 989-915-1182. (LR1/26/06/2).

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT for rent on AuSable in town. \$400 a month plus utilities. Call 231-599-2895. (12/22/05tf/2)

OLDER 2 BEDROOM HOUSE near north end of Higgins Lake, C/A schools. Will consider pet. \$474 per month. References plus security deposit. 989-275-4126. (-29-5-12/2)

2. For Rent

OLDER HOUSE 5 miles south of Grayling in country. References plus security deposit. \$500 per month. 989-275-4126. (-29-5-12/2)

KITCHENETTE FOR RENT No deposit and includes all utilities, cable TV, stove, refrigerator. Weekly or monthly. Western Trails Motel, (989) 348-7681. (LR1/26/06/2)

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH attached garage, large yard with Manistee River access. \$900 per month plus utilities, security. Call for an application. 989-348-2288 or 989-390-2453. (LR1/26/06/2)

FOR RENT One bedroom apartment located in town. \$425 per month, utilities included. Call 370-2745 or 710-1194. (-5-12sgf/2)

FOR RENT in downtown Grayling, one and two bedroom apartments. References, security deposit and first months rent. No pets. For more information please contact Steve at (989) 619-9689. (LR2/02/06/2)

RAYNE FOREST RENTALS 1, 2 and 3 bedroom duplexes. \$400 to \$500 per month. 348-5230. (1/12/06tf/2)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT in downtown Grayling, two bedroom, one bathroom home. \$550 per month, located at 404 Brink Street. References, security deposit and first months rent. No pets. For more information please contact Steve at (989) 619-9689. (-12-19/2)

FURNISHED COTTAGE 1 1/2 bedroom with garage in country location; 15 minutes from Grayling or Roscommon. \$500 per month, first and last months rent, credit report obtained. 989-939-8965. (-12-19/2)

2 BEDROOM 12x60 mobile home. \$300 a month, clean, pay own heat and lights. MacIntyre Landing. 348-8277. (12/2)

ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX APARTMENT located in Grayling Mobile Estates. \$450 per month plus deposit. Rent includes all utilities. Northwood Rentals, 989-344-8787. (-12-19/2)

THREE BEDROOM HOME close to high school. \$500 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwood Rentals, 989-344-8787. (-12-19/2)

THREE BEDROOM HOME in the village of Roscommon. \$500 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwood Rentals, 989-344-8787. (-12-19/2)

3 BEDROOMS 1 1/2 bath, garage, nice area, \$600 per month plus utilities. Call 348-2473. (-12-19/2)

2. For Rent

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT for rent, no pets. 705-7111, 348-8636. (-12/2)

3 BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath, 2-car garage, range, refrigerator, on 2 acres north of Frederic. Available immediately. \$650 plus utilities, plus deposit. 989-344-1500, (day), 231-585-7058, (evening). (-12-19/2)

3. Employment

BRUNCH COOK The Crawford County Commission on Aging is accepting applications for a part-time Brunch Cook. Position prepares brunch for 75-100, two Sundays per month. Position also includes on-call coverage for full time cooks. Application packets must be picked up at 308 Lawndale, Grayling, and returned by 5 pm, 01/13/06. (-12/3)

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION Posting date: January 6, 2006. Position: Grayling Middle School Wrestling Coach. Qualifications: Knowledge of wrestling principles and rules. Attend all scheduled events including all tournaments. Experience as a wrestling competitor and/or coach preferred. Additional information available at 403 E. Michigan Avenue. Apply to: Joseph P. Powers, Superintendent, Crawford AuSable Schools, 403 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline: 4 p.m., January 13, 2006. Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity/affirmative action statement. (-12/3)

3. Employment

HILLTOP MANOR Health Care Center is seeking a full-time Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant. An Associates Degree is required. Excellent wages and benefit package. Please contact Jamee Eanes at 989-275-8936. Hilltop Manor is an equal opportunity employer. (-5-12-19/3)

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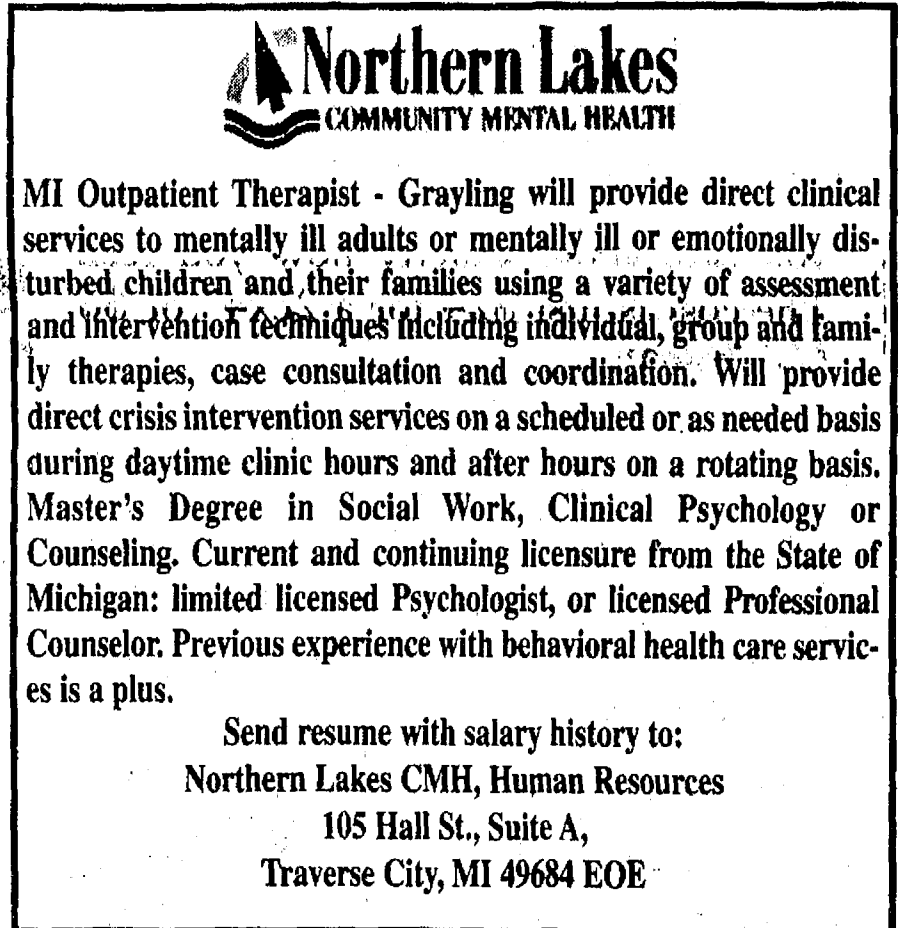
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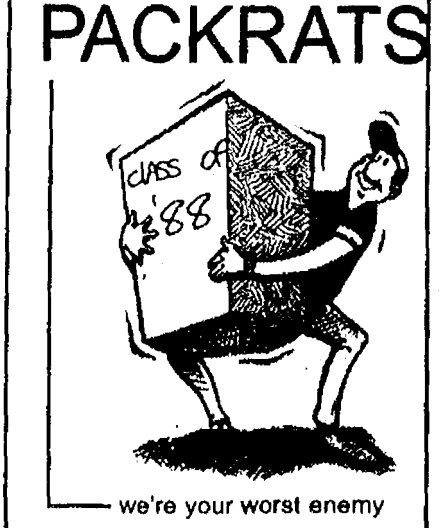
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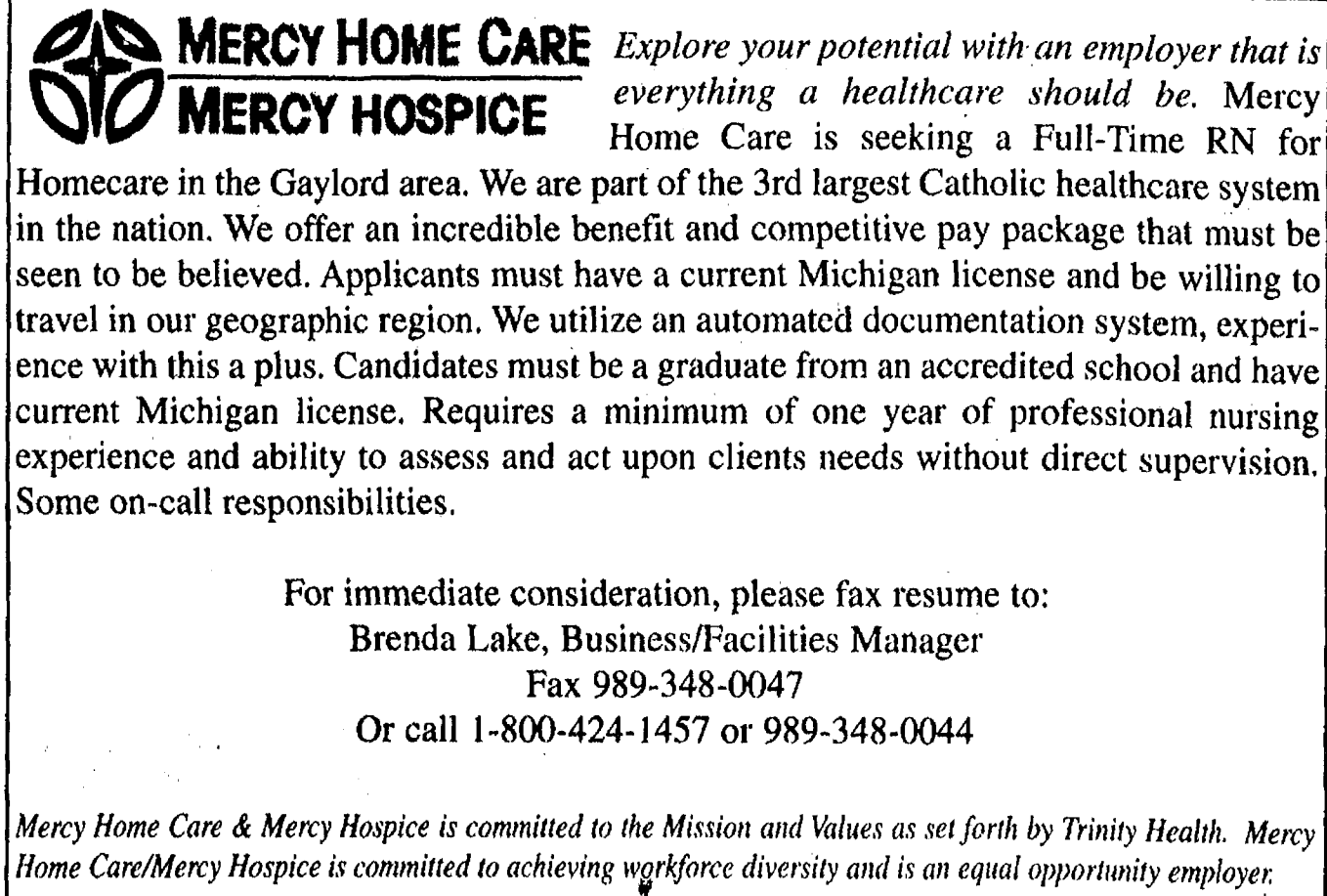
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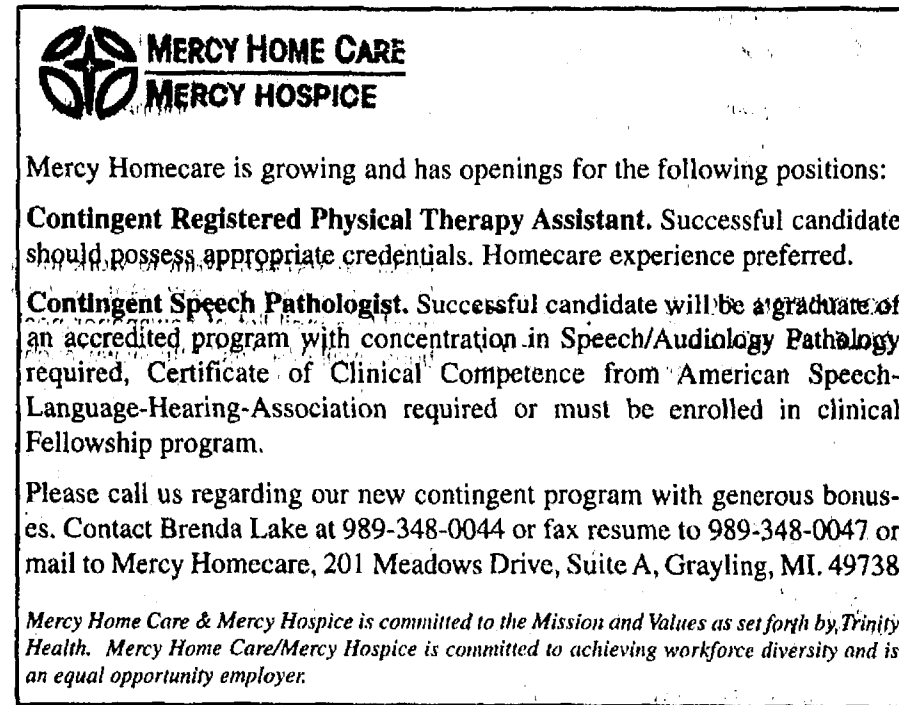
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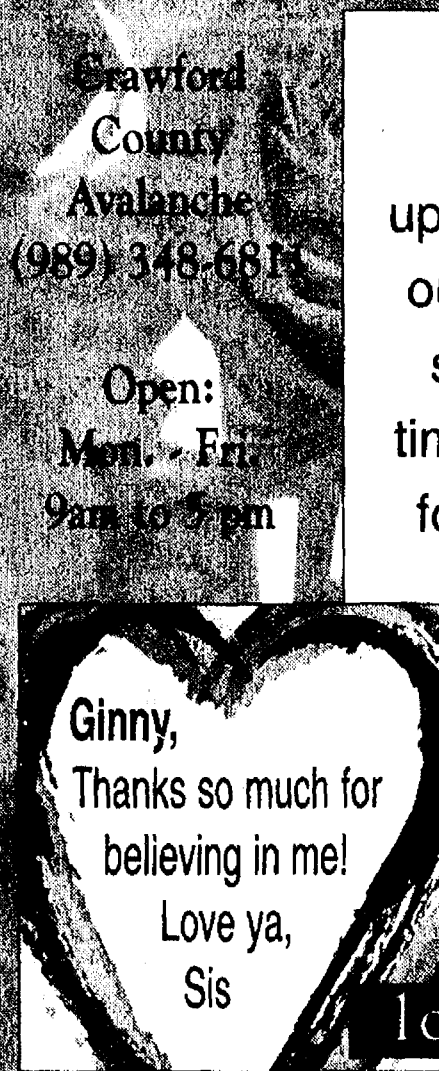
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KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Men's Team

Juandrell Lewis scored 27 points against the Macomb Community College Monarchs, to help the Kirtland Firebirds' men's basketball team take a 91-83 conference win in front of an appreciative home crowd at the CRAF Center in Roscommon on Saturday, Jan. 7.

The win put the Firebirds at 2-0 in Michigan Community College Athletic Association play (7-7 overall), although the school's record will not factor into the overall conference record as Kirtland's athletic department is on probation this season.

The Firebirds opened their conference season with a 95-83 win over Henry Ford Community College on Wednesday, Jan. 4, in Dearborn, in which Kirtland's Sal Kabara, their 6'6" freshman forward from the Central African Republic, scored 40 points.

Macomb opened Saturday's game with an unanswered 7-point scoring run and it took most of the first half for the Firebirds to feel the Monarchs out and find an effective groove. However, Kirtland managed to tie the score at 34 at the half after being behind for the duration. The second-half scoring advantage belonged to the Firebirds.

Lewis, a 6'2" sophomore from Detroit, wasn't the only Firebird in double digits against Macomb. Tony Brown (freshman, Battle Creek) scored 18 points and added 5 assists to the Firebirds' win, while Kabara added 14 points and 11 assists, and Demarvelous Carter (sophomore, Flint) added 12 points.

Rounding out the score book for the Firebirds was David Allison (sophomore, Lapeer) with 9 points and 4 assists; Matt Tompkins (freshman, Fairview) with 6 points; Brian Suchowsky (freshman, Houghton Lake) with 4 points; and Darrin Wilson (freshman, Whittemore) with 1

point.

Women's Team

Chelsey Williams, Kirtland's 6'1" freshman center from Houghton Lake, was the muscle behind the Lady Firebirds' 65-59 win over the Macomb Community College Monarchs on Saturday, Jan. 7, at the CRAF Center in Roscommon. Williams dominated the Firebirds' near-basket region, topping Kirtland's scoring column with 15 points, and pulling down a team-high 13 rebounds in the ladies' first home game since mid-December.

The win brought the Lady Firebirds' season record to 9-7 overall (2-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association), which includes a win and a loss taken in a Florida tournament over the New Year holiday weekend, and a win in their conference season opener against Henry Ford Community College (Dearborn) on Wednesday, Jan. 4.

Their schedule has kept the Lady Firebirds in good shape as they advance into their conference schedule, but that didn't help in the shooting department in Saturday's game against Macomb. Both teams had to work to pry the lids off the baskets, with Kirtland shooting an abysmal 28 percent from the field and Macomb coming in only slightly better at 29 percent.

The Firebirds simply opened up more opportunities on offense, especially by getting the ball inside to Williams. Lizz Stempki (freshman, St. Ignace), Rena Barnett (freshman, LeRoy) and Emilee Bruner (sophomore, Mio) also sank double digits for the Firebirds. Stempki scored 14 points, including 4 out of 5 free throws; Barnett added 10 points and 4 assists; and Bruner scored 10 points and added 8 rebounds.

"Emilee continued to show her all-around improvement tonight and helped to carry us while we struggled early on," said Firebirds head coach Teresa

Stuck.

The Firebirds did struggle, but managed to end the half in the lead at 37-35.

Natalie Foster (freshman, Houghton Lake) hit some big buckets at crucial times in the second half, scoring 6 points overall. Scoring was rounded out by Onica Jones (freshman, Rochester, N.Y.) with 4 points, and Emily Henion (freshman, Frederic), Shekira Knowles (freshman, Nassau, Bahamas) and Nadia Blake (freshman, Toronto) each adding 2 points.

The Saturday game saw the debut of the Firebirds' two freshman basketball players who hail from Nassau, the capital city of the Bahamas. Both Shekira Knowles and Evalyn Bain saw some productive floor time after being ineligible to play their first semester at Kirtland.

Mattie Taylor, a sophomore from Clinton Township, had a big game for Macomb, scoring 31 - more than half - of her team's points and scrapping out a whopping 24 rebounds.

"We really need to work on defense against the gunner for the other team," said Stuck. "We are consistently giving our opponent's best player their career game. We must find a defensive stopper. Although we have done a good job on everyone else, in big games that get close, we need to establish a go-to defender."

In their first conference game of the season, against Henry Ford Community College, the Lady Firebirds found the offense they'd lost over the holiday break and came away with a 98-73 win. The Wednesday, Jan. 4, game was played on the road in Dearborn.

"We jumped out to a lead and never looked back," said Firebirds head coach Stuck. "We were very aggressive and confident in our decision making."

All the Firebirds scored in this

game, with Emilee Bruner posting one of the best games of her career. Rena Barnett and Emily Henion did a great job of breaking down the press which Henry Ford worked on the Firebirds for a full 40 minutes. Lizz Stempki, Chelsey Williams and Onica Jones helped dominate the paint, all scoring in double digits.

Lizz Stempki scored 15 points for the Firebirds in their 52-46 Dec. 30 win over Hillsborough Community College when the Firebirds took the road to play in Tampa, Fla. They followed their win over Hillsborough with a 68-50 loss to St. Petersburg College (Fla.) on Dec. 31.

Against Hillsborough, Stempki added 14 rebounds to her double-digit scoring, while Emily Henion scored 10 points, forwarded 9 assists and came away with 4 steals.

"Our defense won us this game," said Firebirds head coach Teresa Stuck. "Offensively, you could tell these were our first games back from break - we missed several lay-ups and easy shots in the first game and didn't shoot confidently in the second game. We rebounded tremendously well, however, with everyone boxing out."

Against St. Petersburg in their second game, the Firebirds were up 31-30 at half time, but gave the game away in the second half.

"Not only did we give up 19 offensive rebounds but they went on a (scoring) run and we couldn't stop it," Stuck noted. "We were playing against a sophomore-laden team and during that run our youth was exploited."

Stempki was again high scorer with 11 points, followed by Henion with 9.

"Overall this road trip was tremendous from a team-unity standpoint," Stuck said. "Nothing could compare to this trip and what it has done for our team in bringing us together."

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BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League

Mickey Perez, CPA 12 - 4
Hawk Ridge 11 - 5
Woody Girls 9 - 7
American Legion 8 - 8
Coldwell Banker 8 - 8
Days Inn 6 - 10
Gr. Nursing Center 6 - 10
Glen's Market 4 - 12
High Series: M. Starks, 592; K. Moshier, 515; S. Johnson, 510.
High Game: M. Starks, 224, 202; S. Johnson, 218.

Senior Bowling

Flowers By Josie .. 45.5 - 26.5
Spike's 43 - 29
Kicking Grass 39 - 33
Grayling Pharmacy . 35.5 - 36.5
Stitches By Sue 34 - 38
Bear's Den Pizza 31 - 41
Lone Pine 31 - 41
Sylvesters Sports 29 - 43
High Series Women: C. Clark, 476; H. Stairs, 475; D. Hall, 442.
High Game Women: C. Clark, 204; H. Stairs, 198; M. Rysso,

160. High Series Men: B. Hollis, 609; K. Louchart, 546; P. Faustman, 531. High Game Men: B. Hollis, 226; K. Louchart, 192; G. Wolfe, 189.

Pioneer League

McDonald's 40 - 20
Chemical Bank 34 - 26
Grayling Rest 33.5 - 26.5
Spicy Bob's 31 - 29
Cal Dutton Const. 29 - 31
AJD Forest 26.5 - 33.5
Tim's Collision 24 - 36
Thad Pooley Painting. . 22 - 38

High Series: J. Coors, 515; M. Rock, 490; L. Mead, 469. High Game: J. Coors, 203; L. Mead, 193; C. LaMotte, 180.

National First

Great Lakes Mort. 15 - 6
Corky's Karaoke 14 - 7
Scott Pittman Bld. 12 - 9
Sawmill 11 - 10
Upper Lakes 10 - 11
J-Bar 9 - 12

Faustman Insurance 9 - 12
Legion Lanes 4 - 17
High Series: D. Canfield Sr., 591; D. Henning, 589; R. Sartin, 563. High Game: T. Hulbert, 237; M. Corby, 234; D. Lawe, 224.

Friday Mixed Doubles

IMM. 11 - 5
American Legion 11 - 5
New "Kids" 8 - 8
Lucky & Laura's 7 - 9
Moshier Auto Repair ... 6 - 10
Double Trouble 4 - 12
High Series Men: D. Canfield, 568; D. Williamson, 565; P. Benardo, 519. High Game Men: D. Williamson, and D. Canfield, 222, P. Benardo, 199. High Series Women: P. Benardo, 511; L. Hanson, 494; K. Moshier, 489; High Game Women: P. Benardo, 203; C. Osborne, 200; K. Moshier, 181.

American Men's League

McLeans ACE 14 - 0

Derwich Ind 11 - 3
Canfield's 10 - 4
Scheer Motors 7 - 7
GADCO 5 - 9
Fenton's Auto Serv. 4 - 10
Grayling Chiropractic ... 3 - 11
Moore's Auto 2 - 12

High Series: Lance Davis, 679; D. Canfield, 633; P. Benardo, 611. High Game: Lance Davis, 277; P. Benardo 244; J. Thayer, 235.

Northwood League

Tim's Collision 12 - 0
Bud Lite Babes 7 - 5
Carey & Jaskowski 7 - 5
Great Lk Mortgage 7 - 5
Tree Huggers 6 - 6
Hart Pontiac 5 - 7
Choppers Spare 3 - 9
Scott McNamara 1 - 11
High Series: C. Ludwig, 494; C. Osborne, 478; P. Collen, 453. High Game: C. Osborne, 210; C. Ludwig, 178; K. Mitchell, 173.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

Frederic Inn 114
Holiday Inn 98

Sawmill I 94
Legion 92
Growlers Pub 91

Sawmill II 88
5 Ball Runs: Annette, 2, (Frederic Inn); Denise C. and

Deanne, (Sawmill II); Cindy (Frederic Inn); Paula and Christy (Sawmill II).

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